

**STATE OF MICHIGAN  
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN**

ERIC L. VANDUSSEN,

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

Plaintiff,

v

JACKSON COUNTY 4TH CIRCUIT  
COURT JUDGE THOMAS WILSON,

Defendant.

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**EMERGENCY COMPLAINT**

**EMERGENCY COMPLAINT FOR WRIT OF SUPERINTENDING CONTROL  
AND FOR ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE WHY THE DEFENDANT SHOULD  
NOT BE HELD IN CONTEMPT OF THE SUPREME COURT**

NOW COMES Plaintiff, ERIC L. VANDUSSEN, in pro per, and for his EMERGENCY COMPLAINT FOR WRIT OF SUPERINTENDING CONTROL AND FOR ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE WHY THE DEFENDANT SHOULD NOT BE HELD IN CONTEMPT OF THE SUPREME COURT, states that the acts giving rise to this action occurred, in whole, within the State of Michigan, and there is no other pending or resolved civil action between these parties arising out of the same transactions or occurrences as alleged in this emergency complaint. Further, Plaintiff states:

## **PARTIES & JURISDICTION**

1. Plaintiff, ERIC L. VANDUSSEN, is an individual residing within the County of Benzie, State of Michigan, and Plaintiff is the owner of VanDussen Productions.

2. Defendant, JACKSON COUNTY 4TH CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE THOMAS WILSON, (hereinafter: Defendant or Judge Wilson) is a judicial officer that is subservient to Michigan's Supreme Court.

3. Plaintiff is alleging in this original action that Defendant has repeatedly violated Michigan Supreme Court Administrative Order 1989-1, which states that a “trial judge’s decision to terminate, suspend, limit, or exclude film or electronic media coverage is not appealable, by right or by leave.” AO 1989-1(2)(a)(iv)

4. MCR 3.302 indicates, in pertinent part, that:

(A) Scope. A superintending control order enforces the superintending control power of a court over lower courts or tribunals.

(B) Policy Concerning Use. If another adequate remedy is available to the party seeking the order, a complaint for superintending control may not be filed. See subrule (D)(2), and MCR 7.101(A)(2), and 7.306(A).

[...]

(D) Jurisdiction.

(1) The Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals, and the circuit court have jurisdiction to issue superintending control orders to lower courts or tribunals.

(2) When an appeal in the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals, or the circuit court is available, that method of review must be used. If superintending control is sought and an appeal is available, the complaint for superintending control must be dismissed.

5. MCR 7.303(B) states that:

The Supreme Court may [...]

(5) exercise superintending control over a lower court or tribunal (see MCR 7.306);

(6) exercise other jurisdiction as provided by the constitution or by law.

6. MCR 7.306 specifically relates to “ORIGINAL PROCEEDINGS” and it indicates, in pertinent part:

(A) Superintending Control. A complaint may be filed to invoke the Supreme Court’s superintending control power:

(1) over a lower court or tribunal, including the Attorney Discipline Board, when an application for leave to appeal could not have been filed under MCR 7.305 [...]

(B) A complaint may be filed to invoke the Supreme Court’s original jurisdiction under Const 1963, art 4, § 6(19).

(C) What to File. To initiate an original proceeding, a plaintiff must file with the clerk:

(1) 1 signed copy of a complaint prepared in conformity with MCR 2.111(A) and (B) and entitled, for example, “[Plaintiff] v [Court of Appeals, Board of Law Examiners, Attorney Discipline Board, Attorney Grievance Commission, or Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission].”

The clerk shall retitle a complaint that is named differently.

(2) 1 signed copy of a brief conforming as nearly as possible to MCR 7.212(B) and (C);

(3) proof that the complaint and brief were served on the defendant, [...]

(4) the fee provided by MCR 7.319(C)(1).

Copies of relevant documents, record evidence, or supporting affidavits may be attached as exhibits to the complaint.

7. Const 1963 Article VI § 4 states that “the supreme court shall have general superintending control over all courts; power to issue, hear and determine prerogative and remedial writs; ...”

8. Plaintiffs have no adequate legal remedy to challenge the administrative actions of Defendant other than a complaint seeking a writ of superintending control and there is no other available or feasible avenue for Plaintiff to rectify the Defendant’s repeated violations of Michigan Supreme Court Administrative Order 1989-1.

### GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

9. Plaintiff incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 8 and further states:

10. Plaintiff is a freelance journalist and videographer who has been researching and reporting on the conspiracy to kidnap Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer, since early October of 2020.<sup>1</sup>

11. On September 12, 2022, Plaintiff filed three Requests and Notices for Film and Electronic Media Coverage of Court Proceeding forms with the Jackson County Clerk regarding the upcoming trial of PETE MUSICO, JOSEPH MORRISON, and PAUL BELLAR, File Nos. 20-3173-FH, 20-3172-FH & 20-3171-FH. **(EXHIBITS 1a, 1b & 1c)**

12. Plaintiff’s September 12, 2022, media access requests notified Defendant that Plaintiff intended to record and broadcast courtroom proceedings in the above-described criminal

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<sup>1</sup> (See: Lawmakers, police, governor warned in May about armed militia, threats – October 10, 2020: [https://www.record-eagle.com/news/local\\_news/lawmakers-police-governor-warned-in-may-about-armed-militia-threats/article\\_5fb79f72-0a62-11eb-91ca-cbaf8bb468f0.html](https://www.record-eagle.com/news/local_news/lawmakers-police-governor-warned-in-may-about-armed-militia-threats/article_5fb79f72-0a62-11eb-91ca-cbaf8bb468f0.html) - last accessed on 09/28/2022) & Who is Wolverine Watchmen Attorney Nicholas Somberg? – February 12, 2022: <https://medium.com/@ericvandussen/who-is-wolverine-watchmen-attorney-nicholas-somberg-49dc6383a5fc> - last accessed on 09/28/2022)



cases using video, audio and photographic media on “Oct. 3, 2022 - Oct. 31, 2022 / end of trial.”

13. On March 29, 2021, Michigan’s Department of Attorney General issued a press release entitled “Members of Wolverine Watchmen to Stand Trial,” which indicated:

LANSING - Three known members of the Wolverine Watchmen who are facing charges for allegedly participating in a plot to storm the state Capitol building and kidnap elected officials, will stand trial for their involvement, Attorney General Dana Nessel announced today.

"We must send a clear message that those who seek to do violence against our institutions of democracy and our elected representatives are not patriots, they are criminals," said Nessel. "My office is pleased to see this case move forward and to have the opportunity to hold these men accountable for their actions."

Joseph Morrison, Paul Bellar and Pete Musico appeared in court Monday for a preliminary exam before Judge Michael Klaeren of the 12th District Court in Jackson County where they were bound over and will stand trial for their part in the alleged plot.

Morrison, 26, of Munith, was bound over on the following charges:

- Gang membership, a 20-year felony that may be served as a consecutive sentence;
- Providing material support for terrorist acts; and
- Carrying or possessing a firearm during the commission of a felony; felony firearm - a two-year mandatory prison sentence to be served consecutively.

Bellar, 21, of Milford, was bound over on the following charges:

- Providing material support for terrorist acts, a 20-year felony and/or \$20,000 fine;
- Gang membership, a 20-year felony, which may be served as a consecutive sentence; and
- Carrying or possessing a firearm during the commission of a felony; felony firearm - a two-year mandatory prison sentence to be served consecutively.

Musico, 42, of Munith, was bound over on the following charges:

- Gang membership, a 20-year felony that may be served as a consecutive sentence;
- Providing material support for terrorist acts, a 20-year felony and/or \$20,000 fine; and
- Carrying or possessing a firearm during the commission of a felony; felony firearm - a two-year mandatory prison sentence to be served consecutively.

**Morrison, Bellar and Musico are three of several men arrested on domestic terrorism charges after a joint operation by state and federal authorities in early October exposed a plot that included targeting law enforcement officers, threatening violence to incite a civil war, planning an attack on the state Capitol building and kidnapping government officials, including Gov. Gretchen Whitmer. [...] <sup>2</sup>**  
[emphasis added]

14. Michigan Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 1989-1, [as amended by order of December 5, 2012, effective January 1, 2013] regulates “Film or Electronic Media Coverage of Court Proceedings and it mandates, in pertinent part, that:

**The following guidelines shall apply to film or electronic media coverage of proceedings in Michigan courts:**

[...]

2. Limitations.

(a) In the trial courts.

(i) **Film or electronic media coverage shall be allowed upon request in all court proceedings.** Requests by representatives of media agencies for such coverage must be made in writing to the clerk of the particular court not less than three business days before the proceeding is scheduled to begin. A judge has the discretion to honor a request that does not comply with the requirements of this subsection. The court shall provide that the parties be notified of a request for film or electronic media coverage.

(ii) **A judge may terminate, suspend, limit, or exclude film or electronic media coverage at any time upon a finding, made and articulated on the record in the exercise of discretion, that**

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<sup>2</sup> (See: <https://www.michigan.gov/ag/news/press-releases/2021/03/29/members-of-wolverine-watchmen-to-stand-trial> - last accessed on 09/28/2022)

**the fair administration of justice requires such action**, or that rules established under this order or additional rules imposed by the judge have been violated. The judge has sole discretion to exclude coverage of certain witnesses, including but not limited to the victims of sex crimes and their families, police informants, undercover agents, and relocated witnesses. [emphasis added]

15. On September 20, 2022, Defendant entered an Order, which was served on Plaintiff by email, and it indicated, in pertinent part, that:

WHEREAS, the Court received a Request and Notice for Film and Electronic Media Coverage of Court Proceedings, for each file herein.

**IT IS SO ORDERED, that the request to film or record the Court proceedings is denied, as the proceedings will be broadcasted on YouTube.** [emphasis added] (EXHIBIT 2)

16. On September 21, 2022, Plaintiff filed with the Jackson County Clerk, by email, an “EMERGENCY MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF [JUDGE WILSON’S] SEPTEMBER 20, 2022, ORDER DENYING VANDUSSEN PRODUCTIONS REQUEST FOR FILM AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA COVERAGE OF COURT PROCEEDINGS and BRIEF IN SUPPORT.”<sup>3</sup>

17. Plaintiff’s September 21, 2022, email was sent directly to the elected Jackson County Clerk, Defendant’s Clerk Elizabeth Watkins and to all of the attorneys of record for the above-described criminal cases. Said email indicated, in pertinent part:

Attached for filing in the three captioned cases is my EMERGENCY MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF THIS COURT’S SEPTEMBER 20, 2022, ORDER DENYING VANDUSSEN PRODUCTIONS REQUEST FOR FILM AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA COVERAGE OF COURT PROCEEDINGS, BRIEF IN SUPPORT & PROOF OF SERVICE.

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<sup>3</sup> (See: <https://archive.org/download/vandussen-productions-motion-for-reconsideration-of-order-denying-media-access-by-jackson-cc-09-21-22/vandussen-productions-motion-for-reconsideration-of-order-denying-media-access-by-jackson-cc-09-21-22.pdf> / last accessed on 09/28/2022)

It is my understanding that the Jackson Circuit Court may not be accepting filings by email any longer so I have mailed out today a hardcopy of same for each file, along with a Judge's Copy.

I would appreciate it if we could schedule my motion to be heard on September 27, 2022, at 10:30 AM, or any other time that's available before that day. **(EXHIBIT 3)**

18. Also on September 21, 2022, Plaintiff filed three additional Requests and Notices for Film and Electronic Media Coverage of Court Proceeding forms with the Jackson County Clerk regarding a pretrial hearing scheduled to be held in the above-described criminal cases on September 27, 2022, at 10:30 AM. **(EXHIBITS 4a, 4b & 4c)**

19. On September 22, 2022, at 2:02 PM the Jackson County Clerk's office emailed Plaintiff proof of the payment he made over the phone for filing fees associated with said emergency reconsideration motion. **(EXHIBIT 5)**

20. On September 22, 2022, Plaintiff received an email from Defendant's Clerk Elizabeth Watkins, which indicated, in pertinent part, that:

Your media requests were forwarded to me by the clerk's office this morning. Judge has reviewed them and has denied the requests. An Order is attached. **(EXHIBIT 6)**

21. Defendant's September 22, 2022, Order indicated, in pertinent part:

WHEREAS, the Court received a Request and Notice for Film and Electronic Media Coverage of Court Proceedings, for each file herein

**IT IS SO ORDERED, that the request to film or record the Court proceedings is denied, as the proceedings will be broadcasted on YouTube so in court filming or recording is not necessary.**  
[emphasis added] **(EXHIBIT 7)**

22. Plaintiff emailed a reply to Defendant's Clerk Elizabeth Watkins, at 3:31 PM on

September 22, 2022, and inquired:

Did Judge Wilson receive the Judge's Copy of my Emergency Motion for Reconsideration regarding the first denial Order he issued on September 20? I talked with the county clerk's office a few hours ago and they confirmed that it was received.

Who do I talk to about setting that motion for hearing on an emergency basis? **(EXHIBIT 8)**

23. On September 23, 2022, Plaintiff received an email from Defendant's Clerk Elizabeth Watkins, which indicated, in pertinent part, that:

Our office is in receipt of the hard copies of Mr. VanDussen's motion. After speaking with Judge, the motion will be placed on the docket for Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at 10:30am. **(EXHIBIT 9)**

24. On September 26, 2022, Plaintiff went to the Jackson County Clerk's office and obtained a copy of the register of actions regarding the criminal files of Pete Musico, Joseph Morrison and Paul Bellar. **(EXHIBIT 10, 11 & 12)**

25. After reviewing the register of actions related to the Musico, Morrison and Bellar cases, Plaintiff was able to ascertain from the docket entries that approximately 13 media access requests had been filed in each of those cases their cases were bound over to the Jackson County Circuit Court, in April of 2021.

26. Said register of actions reveal that the two media access requests that Plaintiff filed in the Musico, Morrison and Bellar cases are the only ones that Defendant has denied.

27. Said register of actions also reveal that the media entity MLive submitted a media access requests on September 20, 2020, pertaining to the trial of Musico, Morrison and Bellar and that MLive's request has not been denied.

28. On September 27, 2022, Plaintiff initially arrived in Defendant's courtroom at



approximately 9:30 AM in preparation for the arguments regarding Plaintiff's Emergency Motion for Reconsideration, which were scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m.

29. Plaintiff asked Defendant's law clerk if Defendant's written Order denying Plaintiff's request to film and record that day's court proceedings also prohibited Plaintiff from filming Musico, Morrison and Bellar in the hallway, outside of Defendant's courtroom.

30. Plaintiff observed Defendant's Law Clerk ask Defendant if Plaintiff was prohibited from filming in the hallway and Defendant invited Plaintiff up to the lectern at that time to discuss the matter.

31. After a brief verbal exchange, Defendant informed Plaintiff that he could not film in the hallway outside Defendant's courtroom and Defendant indicated that, if Plaintiff did so, he would be held in contempt.

32. Although Plaintiff believed Defendant's oral Order prohibiting Plaintiff from filming in the hallway outside Defendant's courtroom was unlawful, Plaintiff still complied with Defendant's command because Plaintiff truly believed he would be held in contempt and arrested if he did so.

33. After a brief delay, Defendant invited Plaintiff back up to the lectern for oral arguments regarding Plaintiff's aforesaid Emergency Motion for Reconsideration.

34. Plaintiff then presented to Defendant and the attorneys for each party a one-page document Plaintiff had prepared that enumerated each docket entry from the register of actions where media access requests had been filed. **(EXHIBIT 13)**

35. Plaintiff argued that he believed Defendant was arbitrarily and capriciously

denying Plaintiff's media access requests.

36. Plaintiff then made an oral motion asking that Defendant immediately reverse his denial of Plaintiff's request to film and record the September 27, 2022, court proceedings and Defendant summarily denied Plaintiff's request.

37. Plaintiff made another oral motion asking Defendant to allow Plaintiff to just audio record Plaintiff's oral arguments and the remainder of the Musico's, Morrison's and Bellar's court proceedings that day, and Defendant also denied that request without making findings on the record regarding the "fair administration of justice" standard mandated by Michigan Supreme Court Administrative Order 1989-1.

38. Plaintiff explained to Defendant that the quality of audio and video that Plaintiff was intending to capture during the trial of the Musico, Morrison and Bellar was likely far superior to Defendant's courtroom YouTube streaming capabilities.

39. Plaintiff advised Defendant that nowhere within AO 1989-1 does it permit judges to ignore its mandates if they intend to stream their court proceedings on YouTube.

40. Plaintiff asked Defendant whether Defendant was going to grant or deny the media access request that MLive had submitted for the upcoming trial of the Musico, Morrison and Bellar and Defendant informed Plaintiff that he had not yet decided.

41. At the conclusion of Plaintiff's oral arguments, Defendant informed Plaintiff that he was upholding his initial denial of Plaintiff's request to film and record the trial of Musico, Morrison and Bellar, which is currently scheduled to commence on October 3, 2022.

42. Defendant did not make any findings on the record during Plaintiff's September 27, 2022, oral arguments regarding the "fair administration of justice" standard mandated by



Michigan Supreme Court Administrative Order 1989-1.

43. Defendant simply reiterated his written Orders and indicated that he was denying Plaintiff's media access requests because he would be streaming the Musico, Morrison and Bellar' trial on YouTube and Defendant said the media could just watch the proceedings there.

44. Defendant's two aforementioned Orders, which summarily denied Plaintiff the right to film and record Defendant's court proceedings, are still in full effect and Plaintiff is filing this action to obtain an Order from this Court to compel Defendant to permit Plaintiff to film and record all future hearings held in Defendant's courtroom and, especially, the jury trial for Musico, Morrison and Bellar, which is scheduled to begin on October 3, 2022.

45. On July 30, 2009, MLive News reported that:

Legal proceedings before the Michigan Supreme Court are going online. Video of oral arguments, administrative conferences and hearings are to be recorded at the Hall of Justice, then posted on the State Bar of Michigan's Web site, according to a news release from the court.

The first videos, including a welcome by Chief Justice Marilyn Kelly, have been posted at [www.michbar.org/courts/virtualcourt.cfm](http://www.michbar.org/courts/virtualcourt.cfm).

"While our hearings and administrative conferences are in public, not everyone can make the trip to Lansing to attend," Kelly said in the release. "In a digital age, the public increasingly expects not only physical access but also virtual access to government.

"With this expansion of the court's online presence, viewers will need only an Internet connection to watch the court at work."

Michigan Government Television will continue to broadcast Supreme Court proceedings, which it has done since 1996. MGTV's broadcast schedule is available at [www.mgtv.org](http://www.mgtv.org).<sup>4</sup>

46. On September 24, 2019, Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Bridget Mary

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<sup>4</sup> (See: [https://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/2009/07/video\\_of\\_michigan\\_supreme\\_cour.html](https://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/2009/07/video_of_michigan_supreme_cour.html) – last accessed on 09/21/2022)

McCormack sent a letter on, to the U.S. House Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet to advocate for “opening the doors of federal courts to television coverage” and Justice McCormack further asserted, in pertinent part, that:

Sunshine is a powerful thing, especially when it comes to revealing to the public how our government works. In the legislative and executive branches, sunshine leads to better public policy, informed by public input. In the judiciary, sunshine leads to better public understanding and increased trust in judicial decisions. That trust is the bedrock of our democracy; however, blocking broadcast media access to federal courts undermines public trust and thwarts the democratic process.

My view on opening the doors of federal courts to television coverage is simple: It's the public's court. They should be able to watch it work with as little difficulty as possible. My dad watches the Michigan Supreme Court online when we have oral arguments, he should be able to do the same with U.S. Supreme Court and every other federal court.

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More transparency is also important for procedural fairness. When people understand what the court is doing, and understand how it works and how it makes its decisions, and even understands why it makes those decisions, they are more likely to follow them. This openness builds confidence in the rule of law and encourages the public to participate in future proceedings and to follow the court's orders.

Opposition to broadcast media access relies on tired old maxims that have long been disproven by practice in courts nationwide who have embraced transparency and sunshine over closed doors and darkness. For example, some say TV cameras distract participants. In our courtroom, cameras are simply a fixture of proceedings, no more distracting than a podium or a

chair but just as necessary. And some say TV diminishes the dignity of the courts. The opposite is true: blocking public access makes the public wonder what less than dignified things might be happening behind closed doors.

Nearly every state allows some form of camera coverage in the courtroom." While some are more expansive than others, Michigan sets the standard in its court rule which puts the burden on those who oppose a camera in the court to make a compelling case on the record as to

why cameras should not be allowed. Such cases might include protecting the identity of a sexual assault victim.

In Michigan, the Supreme Court not only streams our proceedings in real time on our website and makes them available on a YouTube channel after the fact [...] **(EXHIBIT 14)**

47. Plaintiff has, on multiple occasions, been granted permission by Michigan's Supreme Court to film and record their court proceedings, despite the fact that those same proceedings were simultaneously being filmed, streamed and broadcasted by MGTV and others.<sup>5</sup>

48. The Defendant's arbitrary and capricious denials of Plaintiff's request to film court proceedings in the Jackson County Circuit Court do not even come close to complying with AO 1989-1(2)(a)(ii) because Defendant failed to "articulate on the record" any particularized "finding" of how or why the "fair administration of justice requires such action."

49. Defendant failed to perform its clear legal duty of either granting Plaintiff's request for media access or articulating on the record a "finding" demonstrating how the "fair administration of justice requires such action." See: AO 1989-1

50. Expeditious and immediate consideration of this matter by this Court is absolutely necessary because Plaintiff is entitled to film and record the above-described court proceedings scheduled to be heard in Defendant's court on September 27, 2022, and a trial scheduled to commence on October 3, 2022.

51. The issues presented in this EMERGENCY COMPLAINT are very likely to recur and will certainly evade review unless this Honorable Court promptly intervenes.

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<sup>5</sup> People v Kolanek - MI Medical Marijuana Appeal - January 12, 2012 - <https://vimeo.com/35062545> ; People v Bylsma - MI Supreme Court Medical Marijuana Oral Arguments - October 11, 2012 - <https://vimeo.com/51460012> ; People v McQueen - MI Supreme Court Medical Marijuana Oral Arguments - October 11, 2012: <https://vimeo.com/51442426> ; & Ter Beek v Wyoming - MI Supreme Court oral arguments - October 10, 2013: <https://vimeo.com/79968136> (links last accessed on 09/21/2022)

52. Plaintiff is submitting an accompanying brief in support of this Complaint for Writ of Superintending Control, along with a Motion for Immediate Consideration.

**RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays that this Honorable Court grant the following relief:

- A. Grant Plaintiff's request for Immediate Consideration and forthwith Issue a Writ of Superintending Control over Defendant that prohibits Defendant from any further noncompliance with Supreme Court Administrative Order 1989-1;
- B. Enter an immediate preliminary injunction that directs Defendant to permit Plaintiff to film and record Defendant's court proceedings regarding the Musico, Morrison, Bellar trial that is scheduled to commence on October 3, 2022;
- C. Enter an Order to Show Cause why Defendant should not be held in contempt of the Supreme Court for Defendant's blatant refusal to comply with Supreme Court Administrative Order 1989-1;
- D. Issue a Permanent Injunction directing Defendant to cease his practice of issuing arbitrary and capricious denials when media access requests are submitted to film or record Defendant's court proceedings;
- E. Enter an Order granting any other relief as this Honorable Court sees fit.

Respectfully submitted,

September 28, 2022

/s/ Eric L. VanDussen

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that the foregoing EMERGENCY COMPLAINT FOR WRIT OF SUPERINTENDING CONTROL AND FOR ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE WHY THE DEFENDANT SHOULD NOT BE HELD IN CONTEMPT OF THE SUPREME COURT was served by email on September 28, 2022, upon:

Hon. Thomas D. Wilson  
Jackson County 4<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court  
[twilson@mijackson.org](mailto:twilson@mijackson.org) &  
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September 28, 2022

/s/ Eric L. VanDussen

# EXHIBIT 1



Original - Court  
1st copy - Defendant  
2nd copy - Plaintiff  
3rd copy - Media

Approved, SCAO

<b>STATE OF MICHIGAN</b> JUDICIAL DISTRICT 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT Jackson County COUNTY PROBATE	<b>REQUEST AND NOTICE FOR          FILM AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA COVERAGE          OF COURT PROCEEDINGS</b>	<b>CASE NO.</b> 20003173 FH <i>6C</i>
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**REQUEST**

I request permission to ☒ record ☒ broadcast courtroom proceedings in this case using ☒ video ☒ audio  
☒ photographic media, scheduled at 9:00 a.m. on Oct. 3, 2022 - Oct. 31, 2022 / end of trial  
 Time Date

September 7, 2022

Date

Signature

Eric L. VanDussen www.muckrack.com/eric-vandussen

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Firm name

Telephone no.

**NOTICE TO PARTIES/ATTORNEYS**

A request to allow film or electronic media coverage of the above proceeding has been filed. Supreme Court Administrative Order 1989-1 requires that the request be honored unless the trial judge exercises discretion to terminate, suspend, limit, or exclude the coverage.

I certify that on this date, I provided notice of this request to the parties or their attorneys indicated above

☐ personally. ☐ by ordinary mail. ☒ by telephone.

9/12/2022  
 Date

*[Signature]*  
 Court clerk/Register

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Sup Ct AO 1989-1

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Court telephone no.

517-768-8541

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### REQUEST

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☒ photographic media, scheduled at 9:00 a.m. on Oct. 3, 2022 - Oct. 31, 2022 / end of trial

September 7, 2022

Date

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A request to allow film or electronic media coverage of the above proceeding has been filed. Supreme Court Administrative Order 1989-1 requires that the request be honored unless the trial judge exercises discretion to terminate, suspend, limit, or exclude the coverage.

I certify that on this date, I provided notice of this request to the parties or their attorneys indicated above

☐ personally. ☐ by ordinary mail. ☒ by telephone.

*9/12/2022*

Date

*[Signature]*  
Court clerk/Register

*1(b)*

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<b>STATE OF MICHIGAN</b> JUDICIAL DISTRICT 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT Jackson County COUNTY PROBATE	<b>REQUEST AND NOTICE FOR FILM AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA COVERAGE OF COURT PROCEEDINGS</b>	<b>CASE NO.</b> 20003171 FH <i>6c</i>
<b>Court address</b> 312 S Jackson Street, Jackson, MI 49201		<b>Court telephone no.</b> 517-768-8541
<b>Plaintiff(s)/Petitioner(s)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> People of the State of Michigan <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <b>Attorney name, bar no., address, and telephone no. or plaintiff /petitioner address and telephone no. if not represented by an attorney</b> ATTY GEN. SUNITA DODDAMANI P67459 525 W. Ottawa Street (517) 335-7650 P.O. Box 30217 doddamanis@michigan.gov Lansing, MI 48909	v	<b>Defendant(s)/Respondent(s)</b> PAUL EDWARD BELLAR <b>Attorney name, bar no., address, and telephone no. or defendant/ respondent address and telephone no. if not represented by an attorney</b> Andrew P. Kirkpatrick P66842 503 South Jackson Street (517) 783-3500 Jackson, MI 49203 ap_kirkpatrick@yahoo.com

☐ Civil ☒ Criminal ☐ Probate In the estate/matter of \_\_\_\_\_

### REQUEST

I request permission to ☒ record ☒ broadcast courtroom proceedings in this case using ☒ video ☒ audio

☒ photographic media, scheduled at 9:00 a m. on Oct. 3, 2022 - Oct. 31, 2022 / end of trial  
 Time Date

September 7, 2022

Date

Signature

Eric L. VanDussen

www.muckrack.com/eric-vandussen

Name (type or print)

VanDussen Productions

231-651-9189

Firm name

Telephone no.

### NOTICE TO PARTIES/ATTORNEYS

A request to allow film or electronic media coverage of the above proceeding has been filed. Supreme Court Administrative Order 1989-1 requires that the request be honored unless the trial judge exercises discretion to terminate, suspend, limit, or exclude the coverage.

I certify that on this date, I provided notice of this request to the parties or their attorneys indicated above  
☐ personally. ☐ by ordinary mail. ☒ by telephone.

Date

Court clerk/Register

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# EXHIBIT 2

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF JACKSON

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STATE OF MICHIGAN,

Plaintiff,

V

MUSICO, MORRISON, & BELLAR,

Defendant.

File No. 20-3173-FH, 20-  
3172-FH, & 20-3171-FH

Hon. Thomas D. Wilson

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JACKSON COUNTY CLERK  
4TH CIRCUIT COURT

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ORDER DENYING ERIC VANDUSSEN'S MEDIA REQUEST

WHEREAS, the Court received a Request and Notice for Film and Electronic Media Coverage of Court Proceedings, for each file herein.

IT IS SO ORDERED, the request to film or record the Court proceedings is denied, as the proceedings will be broadcasted on YouTube.

Dated: September 20, 2022



Hon. Thomas D. Wilson (P42371)  
Circuit Court Judge

# EXHIBIT 3





Eric VanDussen &lt;ericvandussen@gmail.com&gt;

**EMERGENCY MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF THIS COURT'S SEPTEMBER 20, 2022, ORDER DENYING VANDUSSEN PRODUCTIONS REQUEST FOR FILM AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA COVERAGE OF COURT PROCEEDINGS, BRIEF IN SUPPORT & PROOF OF SERVICE - Re: Musico, Morrison & Bellar - Case Nos. 20-3173-FH, 20-3172-FH, & 20-3171-FH**

Eric VanDussen &lt;ericvandussen@gmail.com&gt;

Wed, Sep 21, 2022 at 4:28 PM

To: AKirkpatrick@mijackson.org, Elizabeth Watkins &lt;EWatkins@mijackson.org&gt;

Cc: Doddamanis@michigan.gov, Nick@somberglaw.com, Kjohnson@mijackson.org, ap\_kirkpatrick@yahoo.com

Hello.

Attached for filing in the three captioned cases is my EMERGENCY MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF THIS COURT'S SEPTEMBER 20, 2022, ORDER DENYING VANDUSSEN PRODUCTIONS REQUEST FOR FILM AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA COVERAGE OF COURT PROCEEDINGS, BRIEF IN SUPPORT & PROOF OF SERVICE.

It is my understanding that the Jackson Circuit Court may not be accepting filings by email any longer so I have mailed out today a hardcopy of same for each file, along with a Judge's Copy.

I would appreciate it if we could schedule my motion to be heard on September 27, 2022, at 10:30 AM, or any other time that's available before that day.

Thanks,

**Eric L. VanDussen**  
**Videographer & Freelance Journalist**  
**(231) 651-9189**  
<https://muckrack.com/eric-vandussen>  
<http://vimeo.com/user1676477/videos>



**People v Musico, Morrison, Bellar - Motion for Reconsideration of Order Denying VanDussen Media Access Request - 09-21-22 - ocr 2.pdf**  
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# EXHIBIT 4



Original - Court  
1st copy - Defendant  
2nd copy - Plaintiff  
3rd copy - Media

Approved, SCAO

<b>STATE OF MICHIGAN</b> 4TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Jackson County JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY PROBATE	<b>REQUEST AND NOTICE FOR FILM AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA COVERAGE OF COURT PROCEEDINGS</b>	<b>CASE NO.</b> 20003173 FH
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Court address

312 S Jackson Street, Jackson, MI 49201

Court telephone no.

517-768-8541

Plaintiff(s)/Petitioner(s)

☒ People of the State of Michigan

Attorney name, bar no., address, and telephone no. or plaintiff /petitioner address and telephone no. if not represented by an attorney

ATTY GEN. SUNITA DODDAMANI P67459

525 W. Ottawa Street (517) 335-7650  
P.O. Box 30217 doddamanis@michigan.gov  
Lansing, MI 48909

Defendant(s)/Respondent(s)

PETE MUSICO

Attorney name, bar no., address, and telephone no. or defendant/ respondent address and telephone no. if not represented by an attorney

Kareem Johnson P71988

505 South Jackson Street (517) 768-6883  
Jackson, MI 49203 Kjohnson@mijackson.org

☐ Civil ☒ Criminal ☐ Probate In the estate/matter of \_\_\_\_\_

### REQUEST

I request permission to ☒ record ☒ broadcast courtroom proceedings in this case using ☒ video ☒ audio

☒ photographic media, scheduled at 10:30 a m. on September 27, 2022  
Time Date

September 20, 2022

Date

Signature

Eric L. VanDussen www.muckrack.com/eric-vandussen

Name (type or print)

VanDussen Productions 231-651-9189

Firm name

Telephone no.

### NOTICE TO PARTIES/ATTORNEYS

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I certify that on this date, I provided notice of this request to the parties or their attorneys indicated above

☐ personally. ☐ by ordinary mail. ☐ by telephone.

Date

Court clerk/Register

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Original - Court  
1st copy - Defendant  
2nd copy - Plaintiff  
3rd copy - Media

Approved, SCAO

<b>STATE OF MICHIGAN</b> JUDICIAL DISTRICT 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT Jackson County COUNTY PROBATE	<b>REQUEST AND NOTICE FOR FILM AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA COVERAGE OF COURT PROCEEDINGS</b>	<b>CASE NO.</b> 20003172 FH
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Court address

312 S Jackson Street, Jackson, MI 49201

Court telephone no.

517-768-8541

Plaintiff(s)/Petitioner(s)

☒ People of the State of Michigan

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Attorney name, bar no., address, and telephone no. or plaintiff /petitioner address and telephone no. if not represented by an attorney

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Defendant(s)/Respondent(s)

JOSEPH MATTHEW MORRISON

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Nicholas Somberg

P80416

31700 Telegraph Road, Ste 210

(248) 270-5979

Bingham Farms, MI 480205

Nick@Somberglaw.com

☐ Civil ☒ Criminal ☐ Probate In the estate/matter of \_\_\_\_\_

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☒ photographic media, scheduled at 10:30 a.m. on September 27, 2022

Time

Date

September 20, 2022

Date

Signature

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Name (type or print)

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Firm name

Telephone no.

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☐ personally.

☐ by ordinary mail.

☐ by telephone.

Date

Court clerk/Register

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 JACKSON COUNTY  
 4TH CIRCUIT COURT

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Original - Court  
1st copy - Defendant  
2nd copy - Plaintiff  
3rd copy - Media

Approved, SCAO

<b>STATE OF MICHIGAN</b> JUDICIAL DISTRICT 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT Jackson County COUNTY PROBATE	<b>REQUEST AND NOTICE FOR FILM AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA COVERAGE OF COURT PROCEEDINGS</b>	<b>CASE NO.</b> 20003171 FH
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Court address

Court telephone no.

312 S Jackson Street, Jackson, MI 49201

517-768-8541

Plaintiff(s)/Petitioner(s) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> People of the State of Michigan <input type="checkbox"/> _____	
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Time Date

September 20, 2022

Date

Signature

Eric L. VanDussen www.muckrack.com/eric-vandussen

Name (type or print)

VanDussen Productions 231-651-9189

Firm name

Telephone no.

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JACKSON COUNTY  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT

### NOTICE TO PARTIES/ATTORNEYS

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Date

Court clerk/Register

Sup Ct AO 1989-1



# EXHIBIT 5



Eric VanDussen &lt;ericvandussen@gmail.com&gt;

**Order Confirmation E-mail - Order ID: 4274118**

**ServiceCenter@oakgov.com** <ServiceCenter@oakgov.com>  
To: ericvandussen@gmail.com

Thu, Sep 22, 2022 at 2:02 PM

Order/Payment Confirmation  
Jackson County  
120 W Michigan  
Jackson MI 49201

**Payment Information:**

Credit Type:  
Last 4 Digits: 0060  
ERIC VANDUSSEN

48341  
USA  
[ericvandussen@gmail.com](mailto:ericvandussen@gmail.com)  
Phone:

**Shipping Information:**

Phone:

Thank you for your order/payment. Your order number is: 4274118, received on 09/22/2022.

You have ordered/made payment for the following:

Product/Item	Unit Price	Qty	Total
1) Clerk - 4th Circuit Court - Civil 2020003173FH 2020003172FH 2020003171FH		1	\$60.00
Total			\$60.00
Grand Total			\$60.00

Your credit card/bank statement will reflect two transactions with the following information:

Jackson County \$60.00  
[g2gcharge.com](https://g2gcharge.com)  
[Contact G2G Cloud Solutions](#)

If you have any questions, please call the Jackson County Online Services Consumer Helpline at 517-768-6614

Please print this e-mail for your records.

# EXHIBIT 6



Eric VanDussen <ericvandussen@gmail.com>

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## SECOND MEDIA REQUEST

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Elizabeth Watkins <EWatkins@mijackson.org>  
To: Eric VanDussen <ericvandussen@gmail.com>

Thu, Sep 22, 2022 at 2:35 PM

Good Afternoon Mr. VanDussen,

Your media requests were forwarded to me by the clerk's office this morning. Judge has reviewed them and has denied the requests. An Order is attached.

Thank you,

*Elizabeth Watkins*

Court Clerk for the Honorable Thomas D. Wilson

Jackson County 4<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court

(517) 768-8511

**PLEASE NOTE : JUDGE WILSON REQUIRES IN PERSON FOR ALL HEARINGS.**



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# EXHIBIT 7

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF JACKSON

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STATE OF MICHIGAN,

Plaintiff,

V

MUSICO, MORRISON, & BELLAR,

Defendant.

File No. 20-3173-FH, 20-3172-FH, & 20-3171-FH

Hon. Thomas D. Wilson

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ORDER DENYING ERIC VANDUSSEN'S MEDIA REQUEST

**WHEREAS**, the Court received a Request and Notice for Film and Electronic Media Coverage of Court Proceedings for each filed herein.

**IT IS SO ORDERED**, the request to film or record the Court proceedings is denied, as the proceedings will be broadcasted on YouTube so in court filming or recording is not necessary.

Dated: September 22, 2022



Hon. Thomas D. Wilson  
Circuit Court Judge

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4TH CIRCUIT COURT

# EXHIBIT 8



Eric VanDussen &lt;ericvandussen@gmail.com&gt;

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**SECOND MEDIA REQUEST**

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Eric VanDussen <ericvandussen@gmail.com>  
To: Elizabeth Watkins <EWatkins@mijackson.org>

Thu, Sep 22, 2022 at 3:31 PM

Elizabeth,

Did Judge Wilson receive the Judge's Copy of my Emergency Motion for Reconsideration regarding the first denial Order he issued on September 20? I talked with the county clerk's office a few hours ago and they confirmed that it was received.

Who do I talk to about setting that motion for hearing on an emergency basis?

**Eric L. VanDussen**  
Videographer & Freelance Journalist  
(231) 651-9189  
<https://muckrack.com/eric-vandussen>  
<http://vimeo.com/user1676477/videos>

On Thu, Sep 22, 2022 at 2:35 PM Elizabeth Watkins <EWatkins@mijackson.org> wrote:

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Jackson County 4<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court

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# EXHIBIT 9



Eric VanDussen &lt;ericvandussen@gmail.com&gt;

**RE: EMERGENCY MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF THIS COURT'S  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2022, ORDER DENYING VANDUSSEN PRODUCTIONS REQUEST  
FOR FILM AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA COVERAGE OF COURT PROCEEDINGS, BRIEF  
IN SUPPORT & PROOF OF SERVICE - Re: Musico, Morrison & Bellar - Cas**

Elizabeth Watkins &lt;EWatkins@mijackson.org&gt;

Fri, Sep 23, 2022 at 8:03 AM

To: Eric VanDussen <ericvandussen@gmail.com>, Amanda Kirkpatrick <AKirkpatrick@mijackson.org>  
Cc: "Doddamanis@michigan.gov" <Doddamanis@michigan.gov>, Kareem Johnson <KJohnson@mijackson.org>, ap\_kirkpatrick <ap\_kirkpatrick@yahoo.com>, Leonard Ballard <LBallard@mijackson.org>

Good Morning All –

Our office is in receipt of the hard copies of Mr. VanDussen's motion. After speaking with Judge, the motion will be placed on the docket for Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at 10:30am.

Thank you,

*Elizabeth Watkins*

Court Clerk for the Honorable Thomas D. Wilson

Jackson County 4<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court

(517) 768-8511

**PLEASE NOTE : JUDGE WILSON REQUIRES IN PERSON FOR ALL HEARINGS.****From:** Eric VanDussen <ericvandussen@gmail.com>**Sent:** Wednesday, September 21, 2022 4:28 PM**To:** Amanda Kirkpatrick <AKirkpatrick@mijackson.org>; Elizabeth Watkins <EWatkins@mijackson.org>**Cc:** Doddamanis@michigan.gov; Nick@somberglaw.com; Kareem Johnson <KJohnson@mijackson.org>; ap\_kirkpatrick <ap\_kirkpatrick@yahoo.com>**Subject:** EMERGENCY MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF THIS COURT'S SEPTEMBER 20, 2022, ORDER DENYING VANDUSSEN PRODUCTIONS REQUEST FOR FILM AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA COVERAGE OF COURT PROCEEDINGS, BRIEF IN SUPPORT & PROOF OF SERVICE - Re: Musico, Morrison & Bellar - Case...

Hello.



9/23/22, 11:40 AM

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# EXHIBIT 10

OPEN  
20-003173-FH JUDGE WILSON  
JACKSON

CASE REGISTER OF ACTIONS  
FILE 04/07/21

09/26/22 PAGE 1

D 001 MUSICO, PETE, DOB: XXXXXXXX SEX: M RACE: U  
8008 DUNN RD CTN: 962090096601 TCN:  
MUNITH, MI 49259 SID: PIN: 1000031420  
ATY: JOHNSON, KAREEM LAMOUNT, PROSECUTOR: DODDAMANI, SUNITA G.,  
P-71988 517-768-6883 APPOINTED P-67459  
LOWER DISTRICT: 1200 CTY# 38 CASE# 2003173FY PRELIM: HELD 04/06/21  
INCARCERATION DATE: 11/01/19 DISTRICT ARRAIGNMENT: 10/08/20

B 001 BOND OUT BAIL BOND,,  
ATY: BOND, BOND OUT,  
P-95500 313-266-3688

Bond History

Num	Amount	Type	Posted Date	Status
1	\$100,000.00	Surety	4/07/21	Posted

Charges

Num	Type	Charge (Pacc)	Asc/Trf	Charge Description	Offense Dt	Dsp	Evt
01	ORG	750.411U		GANG MEMBERSHIP FELONIES	11/01/19		
02	ORG	750.543K1B		TERRORIST ACTS-PROVIDE MA	11/01/19		
03	ORG	750.227B-A		FELONY FIREARMS	11/01/19		

Actions, Judgments, Case Notes

Num	Date	Judge	Chg/Pty	Event Description/Comments	
1	04/07/21	WILSON		RETURN TO CIRCUIT COURT	CLK LSA
				100,000 SUR BOND POSTED	CLK
				CO DFTS JOSEPH MORRISON	CLK
				20-3172-FH & PAUL BELLAR	CLK
				20-3171-FH BOUND OVER	CLK
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4				INFORMATION	CLK EWA
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3	04/08/21			TRANSCRIPT OF PROBABLE	CLK LMC
				CAUSE HEARING VOL 1,2,3,	CLK
				ON 3/3/2021, 3/4/2021	CLK
5	04/21/21			NOTICE SENT FOR: 05/25/21 9:00 AM	CLK NEM
				PRE-TRIAL HEARING	
				W/PROOF OF SERVICE	CLK
7	05/07/21			TRANSCRIPT OF PROBABLE CAUSE	CLK LSA
				HEARING 3/29/21	CLK
8	05/18/21		D 001	MOTION FILED	CLK CKR
				SET NEXT DATE FOR: 06/01/21 9:00 AM	CLK
				MOTION HEARING	
				RE: TO DISMISS BASED UPON	CLK
				ENTRAPMENT	CLK
				BRIEF IN SUPPORT	CLK
9	05/19/21			PROSECUTOR CORRECTED TO	CLK NEM
				DODDAMANI PER PHONE CALL FROM	CLK

10	05/25/21		THE ATTORNEY GENERALS OFFICE PRE-TRIAL HEARING ATTY DODDAMANI, ATTY ROLLSTIN, AND ATTY PALLAS FOR AG VIA ZOOM; ATTY BALLARD FOR DFT VIA ZOOM; DFT VIA ZOOM; ALL PARTIES TO FILE MOTIONS BY 06/25/21; ALL MOTION RESPONSES TO BE FILED BY 07/16/2021; COURT SETS NEW PRETRIAL DATE; ALL MOTIONS WILL BE HEARD ON THE SAME DATE	CLK CRT CRT CRT CRT CRT CRT CRT CRT CRT	EWA
13			REQ/NOTICE FOR FILM/ELECTRONIC MEDI A COVERAGE OF CT. PROCEEDINGS	CLK CLK	EWA
11	05/26/21		NOTICE SENT FOR: 07/23/21 10:00 AM PRE-TRIAL HEARING	CLK	EWA
12		D 001	W/PROOF OF SERVICE FROM: JOHNSON, KAREEM LAMOUNT, TO: BALLARD, LEONARD,	CLK CLK CLK	EWA
14	05/28/21		REMOVE NEXT EVENT: 06/01/21 9:00 AM MOTION HEARING	CLK	EWA
15	06/01/21		**ATTY TO RENOTICE TO 7/23** NOTICE OF HEARING SET NEXT DATE FOR: 07/23/21 9:00 AM MOTION HEARING	CLK CLK CLK	CKR
16	06/28/21		RE: TO DISMISS FOR ENTRAPMENT THE PEOPLE'S GOECKE MOTION TO AMEND THE INFORMATION	CLK CLK CLK	LMC
17	06/29/21		BRIEF, AND PROOF OF SERVICE MOTION FILED SET NEXT DATE FOR: 07/16/21 9:00 AM MOTION HEARING	CLK CLK	LSA
18	07/08/21	D 001	TO QUASH PROOF OF SERVICE RESPONSE TO PEOPLE'S GOECKE TO AMEND THE INFORMATION	CLK CLK CLK CLK	CKR
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21	07/23/21		MOTION DATE TO BE RESCHEDULED BY THE COURT PRE-TRIAL HEARING ATTY DODDAMANI FOR AG VIA ZOOM; ATTY PALLAS FOR AG VIA ZOOM; ATTY JOHNSON FOR DFT PRESENT; DFT PRESENT; ATTY JOHNSON ADDRESSES REMOVAL OF GPS TETHER TO HELP GET DFT MORRISON OUT OF JAIL; COURT DENIES REQUEST; DFT REMAINS ON TEHTER; COURT SETS MOTION HEARING DATES; ALL ANSWERS TO MOTIONS TO BE FILED BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER; BOND CONTINUED	CLK CLK CRT CRT CRT CRT CRT CRT CRT CRT CRT CRT CRT CRT CRT CRT	EWA

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	DFT'S MOTION TO QUASH CLK
	W/PROOF OF SERVICE CLK
23	NOTICE SENT FOR: 12/06/21 9:00 AM CLK EWA
	MOTION HEARING
	DFT'S RE:TO DISMISS BASED UPON CLK
	ENTRAPMENT CLK
	W/PROOF OF SERVICE CLK
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	AND MUSICO'S MOTIONS TO CLK
	DISMISS BASED ON ENTRAPMENT CLK
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	PER REQUEST OF COURT CLK
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	MOTION TO QUASH AND DFTS CLK
	MOTION TO DISMISS-ENTRAPMENT CLK
	W/PROOF OF SERVICE CLK
28 11/22/21	REMOVE NEXT EVENT: 12/06/21 9:00 AM CLK EWA
	MOTION HEARING
	DUE TO JUDGE AVAILABILITY CLK
29	NOTICE SENT FOR: 12/20/21 9:00 AM CLK EWA
	MOTION HEARING
	RE:PEOPLES GOECKE MOTION TO CLK
	AMEND THE INFORMATION; DFTS CLK
	MOTION TO QUASH AND DFTS CLK
	MOTION TO DISMISS - ENTRAPMENT CLK
	W/PROOF OF SERVICE CLK
30 11/30/21	MICHIGAN DEPT OF ATTORNEY CLK LMC
	GENERAL WITNESS LIST CLK
31 12/20/21	REQ/NOTICE FOR FILM/ELECTRONIC MEDI CLK EWA
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	DETROIT FREE PRESS - APPROVED CLK
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	ATTY ROLLSTIN FOR AG PRESENT; CRT
	ATTY PALLAS FOR AG PRESENT; CRT
	ATTY JOHNSON AND ATTY BALLARD CRT
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	TO QUASH BINDOVER IS DENIED; CRT
	PEOPLE'S GOECKE MOTION TO CRT
	AMEND THE INFORMATION IS CRT
	DENIED; COURT RESETS DFT'S CRT
	ENTRAPMENT MOTION CRT
33	NOTICE SENT FOR: 02/23/22 9:00 AM CLK EWA
	MOTION HEARING
	DFT'S RE: TO DISMISS BASED CLK

	UPON ENTRAPMENT	CLK	
	W/PROOF OF SERVICE	CLK	
34 02/01/22	ORDER	CLK	NEM
	DENYING THE PEOPLE'S GOECKE	CLK	
	MTN TO AMEND THE INFORMATION	CLK	
	AND DEFENDANT'S MOTIONS TO	CLK	
	QUASH THE INFORMATION	CLK	
	EMAILED TO COUNSELS	CLK	
35 02/16/22	PEOPLE'S MEMORANDUM OF LAW AS	CLK	CKR
	TO THE INADMISSIBILITY	CLK	
	OF QUESTIONING OF SPECIAL	CLK	
	AGENT IMPOLA AS TO	CLK	
	UNADJUDICATED ALLEGATIONS OF	CLK	
	PERJURY IN AN UNRELATED CASE	CLK	
	PROOF OF SERVICE	CLK	
36 02/18/22	REQUEST AND NOTICE FOR FILM	CLK	ALR
	AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA COVERAGE	CLK	
	OF COURT PROCEEDINGS W/NOTICE	CLK	
	TO PARTIES/ATTORNEYS	CLK	
37 02/22/22	REQUEST AND NOTICE FOR FILM	CLK	GCO
	AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA COVERAGE	CLK	
	OF COURT PROCEEDINGS W/NOTICE	CLK	
38 02/23/22	MOTION HEARING	CRT	EWA
	ATTY DODDAMANI FOR AG PRESENT;	CRT	
	ATTY ROLLSTIN FOR AG PRESENT;	CRT	
	ATTY PALLAS FOR AG PRESENT;	CRT	
	ATTY JOHNSON FOR DFT PRESENT;	CRT	
	DFT PRESENT; SWORN TESTIMONY	CRT	
	HEARD; EXHIBITS ENTERED;	CRT	
	MOTION HEARING TO BE CONTINUED	CRT	
	ON 02/28/2022	CRT	
39	SET NEXT DATE FOR: 02/28/22 9:30 AM	CLK	EWA
	MOTION HEARING		
	DFT'S RE: TO DISMISS BASED	CLK	
	UPON ENTRAPMENT	CLK	
40 02/25/22	REQUEST AND NOTICE FOR FILM	CLK	GCO
	AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA COVERAGE	CLK	
	OF COURT PROCEEDINGS W/NOTICE	CLK	
41	REQUEST AND NOTICE FOR FILM	CLK	GCO
	AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA COVERAGE	CLK	
	OF COURT PROCEEDINGS W/NOTICE	CLK	
42 02/28/22	MOTION HEARING	CRT	EWA
	ATTY DODDAMANI FOR AG PRESENT;	CRT	
	ATTY ROLLSTIN FOR AG PRESENT;	CRT	
	ATTY PALLAS FOR AG PRESENT;	CRT	
	ATTY JOHNSON AND ATTY BALLARD	CRT	
	FOR DFT PRESENT; DFT PRESENT;	CRT	
	SWORN TESTIMONY HEARD; CLOSING	CRT	
	ARGUMENTS BY COUNSEL; COURT	CRT	
	SETS HEARING FOR RULING	CRT	
43	SET NEXT DATE FOR: 03/01/22 1:30 PM	CLK	EWA
	MISCELLANEOUS HEARING		
	RULING ON MOTION TO DISMISS	CLK	
44 03/01/22	REQUEST AND NOTICE FOR FILM	CLK	GCO
	AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA COVERAGE	CLK	
	OF COURT PROCEEDINGS	CLK	
45	REQUEST AND NOTICE FOR FILM	CLK	GCO



	AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA COVERAGE	CLK	
	OF COURT PROCEEDINGS	CLK	
46	MISCELLANEOUS HEARING	CRT	EWA
	ATTY DODDAMANI FOR AG VIA	CRT	
	ZOOM; ATTY ROLLSTIN FOR AG VIA	CRT	
	ZOOM; ATTY PALLAS FOR AG VIA	CRT	
	ZOOM; ATTY JOHNSON FOR DFT	CRT	
	PRESENT; DFT VIA ZOOM; DFT'S	CRT	
	MOTION TO DISMISS BASED UPON	CRT	
	ENTRAPMENT IS DENIED; COURT	CRT	
	SETS FINAL PRETRIAL AND JURY	CRT	
	TRIAL	CRT	
47	NOTICE SENT FOR: 08/09/22 9:00 AM	CLK	EWA
	PRE-TRIAL HEARING		
	FINAL	CLK	
	W/PROOF OF SERVICE	CLK	
48	NOTICE SENT FOR: 09/12/22 9:30 AM	CLK	EWA
	JURY TRIAL		
	W/PROOF OF SERVICE	CLK	
49 03/16/22	TRANSCRIPT OF EXCERPT OF	CLK	LKW
	TESTIMONY--"DAN" HEARD ON	CLK	
	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28,2022	CLK	
	TRANSCRIBED BY THERESA'S	CLK	
	TRANSCRIPTION SERVICES	CLK	
50 07/19/22	PROOF OF SERVICE FILED	CLK	CKR
	PEOPLE'S MOTION IN LIMINE &	CLK	
	BRIEF	CLK	
	MEMORANDUM OF LAW	CLK	
	MOTION IN LIMINE TO PRECLUDE	CLK	
	MOTION FOR SPECIAL JURY	CLK	
	INSTRUCTIONS	CLK	
51 07/20/22	MOTION FILED	CLK	CKR
	PEOPLE'S MOTION IN LIMINE TO	CLK	
	PRECLUDE ANY ATTEMPTS BY DFTS	CLK	
	TO ADMIT THEIR OWN HEARSAY	CLK	
	STATEMENTS	CLK	
52	MOTION FILED	CLK	CKR
	PEOPLE'S MOTION IN LIMINE RE:	CLK	
	USE OF CO-CONSPIRATOR	CLK	
	STATEMENTS AT TRIAL	CLK	
	W/ BRIEF IN SUPPORT	CLK	
53	MOTION FILED	CLK	CKR
	PEOPLE'S MEMORANDUM AS TO THE	CLK	
	INADMISSIBILITY OF QUESTIONING	CLK	
	OF SPECIAL AGENT IMPOLA AT	CLK	
	TRIAL AS TO UNADJUDICATED	CLK	
	ALLEGATIONS OF PERJURY IN AN	CLK	
	UNRELATED CASE	CLK	
54	MOTION FILED	CLK	CKR
	MOTION FOR SPECIAL JURY	CLK	
	INSTRUCTION	CLK	
	W/ BRIEF IN SUPPORT	CLK	
55	PEOPLE'S NOTICE OF INTENT TO	CLK	CKR
	INTRODUCE ACTS EVIDENCE	CLK	
	PROOF OF SERVICE	CLK	
56 07/26/22	MOTION FILED	CLK	AYL
	RE: PEOPLE'S MOTION IN LIMINE	CLK	

Case Number	Date	Action	Time	Agent
		TO PRECLUDE INADMISSABLE		CLK
		IMPEACHMENT EVIDENCE ABOUT		CLK
		FBI AGENTS		CLK
57	08/01/22	DEFENDANT'S RESPONSE TO		CLK TCA
		GOVERNMENTS MOTION IN LIMINE		CLK
		REGARGING 608 IMPEACHMENT		CLK
58		DEFENDANTS RESPONSE TO THE		CLK TCA
		GOVERNMENTS MOTION TO PRECLUDE		CLK
		THEIR OWN STATEMENTS.		CLK
		DEFENDANTS RESPONSE TO PEOPLES		CLK
		MOTIN IN LIMINE TO EXCLUDE		CLK
		IMPEACHMENT EVIDENCE OF AGENT		CLK
		TRACK & CHAMBERS.		CLK
59		DEFENDANTS RESPONSE TO THE		CLK TCA
		GOVERNMENTS MOTION IN LIMINE		CLK
		REGARDING THE USE OF ALLEGED		CLK
		CO-CONSPIRATOR STATEMENTS.		CLK
		DEFENDANTS RESPONSE TO		CLK
		GOVERNMENTS MOTION FOR SPECIAL		CLK
		JURY INSTRUCTION.		CLK
60	08/04/22	NOTICE OF HEARING		CLK TCA
		SET NEXT DATE FOR: 08/09/22	9:01 AM	CLK
		MOTION HEARING		
		RE:VARIOUS MOTIONS		CLK
61	08/05/22	REMOVE NEXT EVENT: 09/12/22	9:30 AM	CLK EWA
		JURY TRIAL		
		PER REQUEST OF AG DUE TO		CLK
		UNAVAILABILITY; JURY TRIAL		CLK
		RESET		CLK
62		NOTICE SENT FOR: 10/03/22	9:00 AM	CLK EWA
		JURY TRIAL		
		W/PROOF OF SERVICE		CLK
63	08/08/22	REQUEST AND NOTICE FOR FILM &		CLK ALR
		ELECTRONIC MEDIA COVERAGE OF		CLK
		COURT PROCEEDINGS		CLK
64	08/09/22	MOTION HEARING		CRT EWA
		ATTY DODDAMANI, ATTY PALLAS		CRT
		AND ATTY ROLLSTIN FOR AG		CRT
		PRESENT; ATTY JOHNSON FOR DFT		CRT
		PRESENT; DFT PRESENT;		CRT
		ARGUMENTS HEARD; COURT PLACES		CRT
		RULINGS ON RECORD; JURY TRIAL		CRT
		DATE REMAINS		CRT
65	08/18/22	REQUEST AND NOTICE FOR FILM		CLK CHO
		AND MEDIA COVERAGE OF COURT		CLK
		PROCEEDINGS ON OCTOBER 3, 2022		CLK
		BY WILX		CLK
66	09/02/22	MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF		CLK MAL
		ATTORNEY GENERAL WITNESS LIST		CLK
		OF ENDORSED WITNESSES FOR		CLK
		TRIAL		CLK
		PROOF OF SERVICE		CLK
67		DEFENDANT'S WITNESS LIST		CLK TCA
68	09/07/22	PEOPLE'S DEMAND FOR DISCOVERY		CLK MAL
		PROOF OF SERVICE		CLK
69	09/12/22	REQUEST AND NOTICE FOR FILM		CLK GCO
		AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA COVERAGE		CLK

		OF COURT PROCEEDINGS	CLK	
		VANDUSSEN PRODUCTIONS	CLK	
70	09/14/22	THE PEOPLE'S MOTION IN LIMINE	CLK	TCA
		TO EXCLUDE EVIDENCE OF PRIOR	CLK	
		VERDICT IN RELATED FEDERAL	CLK	
		CASE.	CLK	
		WITH PROOF OF SERVICE.	CLK	
71		SET NEXT DATE FOR: 09/15/22 11:30 AM	CLK	EWA
		MISCELLANEOUS HEARING		
72	09/15/22	FROM: BALLARD, LEONARD,	CLK	NEM
		TO: JOHNSON, KAREEM LAMOUNT,	CLK	
73		MISCELLANEOUS HEARING	CRT	NEM
		ATTYS DODDAMANI, PALLAS, AND	CRT	
		ROLLSTIN FOR THE AG OFFICE VIA	CRT	
		ZOOM; ATTY JOHNSON FOR THE DFT	CRT	
		PRESENT; DFT VIA ZOOM;	CRT	
		MATTERS ADDRESSED AND RULINGS	CRT	
		PLACED ON THE RECORD;	CRT	
		ADDITIONAL COURT DATE IS SET	CRT	
		FOR CONTINUATION AND FOR ANY	CRT	
		FURTHER ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED	CRT	
74		NOTICE SENT FOR: 09/27/22 10:30 AM	CLK	NEM
		MISCELLANEOUS HEARING		
		W/PROOF OF SERVICE	CLK	
75	09/20/22	REQUEST AND NOTICE FOR FILM	CLK	GCO
		AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA COVERAGE	CLK	
		OF COURT PROCEEDINGS MLIVE	CLK	
76		REQUEST AND NOTICE FOR FILM	CLK	GCO
		AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA COVERAGE	CLK	
		OF COURT PROCEEDINGS MLIVE	CLK	
78		ORDER	CLK	EWA
		RE:DENYING ERIC VANDUSSEN'S	CLK	
		MEDIA REQUEST	CLK	
77	09/21/22	REQUEST AND NOTICE FOR FILM &	CLK	TCA
		ELECTRONIC MEDIA COVERAGE OF	CLK	
		COURT PROCEEDINGS.	CLK	
79	09/22/22	MOTION FILED	CLK	CKR
		ERIC VANDUSSEN FOR VANDUSSEN	CLK	
		PRODUCTIONS EMERGENCY MOTION	CLK	
		FOR RECONSIDERATION	CLK	
		W/PROOF OF SERVICE	CLK	
80		MOTION FILED	CLK	CKR
		RECEIPT# 00436981 AMT \$20.00		
		FROM ERIC VANDUSSEN	CLK	
81		ORDER	CLK	EWA
		DENYING ERIC VANDUSSEN'S	CLK	
		MEDIA REQUEST (9/27 HEARING)	CLK	
82		MI DEPT OF ATTY GENERAL FIRST	CLK	MAL
		AMENDED WITNESS LIST OF	CLK	
		ENDORSED WITNESSES FOR TRIAL	CLK	
		PROOF OF SERVICE	CLK	
83	09/23/22	WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS	CLK	CKR
		DELIVER TO JUDGE WILSON'S	CLK	
		COURTROOM ON 10-10-2022 @ 9 AM	CLK	
		FOR WITNESS TESTIMONY	CLK	
84		SET NEXT DATE FOR: 09/27/22 10:31 AM	CLK	EWA
		MOTION HEARING		

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RE:VANDUSSEN PRODUCTIONS	CLK
EMERGENCY MOTION FOR	CLK
RECONSIDERATION	CLK
END OF SUMMARY	

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D 001 MORRISON, JOSEPH, MATTHEW DOB: XXXXXXXX SEX: M RACE: U  
8008 DUNN RD CTN: 962090096801 TCN:  
MUNITH, MI 49259 SID: 5493153E PIN: 1000031420  
ATY: BALLARD, LEONARD, PROSECUTOR: DODDAMANI, SUNITA G.,  
P-81245 517-768-6842 RETAINED P-67459  
LOWER DISTRICT: 1200 CTY# 38 CASE# 2003172FY PRELIM: WAIVE 03/29/21  
INCARCERATION DATE: 11/01/19 DISTRICT ARRAIGNMENT: 10/08/20

B 001 A1 BAIL BONDS,,  
ATY: BOND, A-1 BAIL B  
P-09511 517-676-8111

Bond History

Num	Amount	Type	Posted Date	Status
1	\$150,000.00	Cash/Surety		Cancelled
2	\$5,000.00	Surety	12/21/21	Posted

Charges

Num	Type	Charge (Pacc)	Asc/Trf	Charge Description	Offense Dt	Dsp	Evt
01	ORG	750.411U		GANG MEMBERSHIP FELONIES	11/01/19		
02	ORG	750.543K1B		TERRORIST ACTS-PROVIDE MA	11/01/19		
03	ORG	750.227B-A		FELONY FIREARMS	11/01/19		

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Num	Date	Judge	Chg/Pty	Event Description/Comments	
1	04/07/21	WILSON		RETURN TO CIRCUIT COURT	CLK LSA
				150,000 C/S NOT POSTED	CLK
				CO-DFTS PAUL BELLAR 20-3171-FH	CLK
				PETE MUSICO 20-3173-FH	CLK
				BOUND OVER	CLK
2				TRANSCRIPT OF PROBABLE CAUSE	CLK LMC
				VOL 1 AND 2 ON 3/3/2021	CLK
				AND 3/4/2021	CLK
3				TRANSCRIPT OF PROBABLE CAUSE	CLK LMC
				HEARING VOL 3 ON 3/4/2021	CLK
4				INFORMATION	CLK EWA
5	04/21/21			NOTICE SENT FOR: 05/25/21 9:00 AM	CLK NEM
				PRE-TRIAL HEARING	
				W/PROOF OF SERVICE	CLK
6	04/27/21			ORDER	CLK LMC
				APPROVING PAYMENT FOR	CLK
				ATTORNEY FEES	CLK
7	05/07/21			TRANSCRIPT OF PROBABLE CAUSE	CLK LSA
				HEARING 3/29/21	CLK
8	05/19/21			PROSECUTOR CORRECTED TO	CLK NEM
				DADDAMANI PER PHONE CALL FROM	CLK
				THE ATTORNEY GENERALS OFFICE	CLK
9	05/25/21			PRE-TRIAL HEARING	CRT EWA
				ATTY DODDAMANI, ATTY ROLLSTIN,	CRT



		AND ATTY PALLAS FOR AG VIA	CRT	
		ZOOM; ATTY SOMBERG FOR DFT VIA	CRT	
		ZOOM; DFT IN CUSTODY VIA ZOOM;	CRT	
		ALL MOTIONS TO BE FILED BY	CRT	
		06/25/2021; ALL MOTION	CRT	
		RESPONSES TO BE FILED BY	CRT	
		07/16/2021; COURT SETS NEW	CRT	
		PRETRIAL DATE; ALL MOTIONS TO	CRT	
		BE ADDRESSED ON SAME DATE	CRT	
11		REQ/NOTICE FOR FILM/ELECTRONIC MEDI	CLK	EWA
		A COVERAGE OF CT. PROCEEDINGS	CLK	
10	05/26/21	NOTICE SENT FOR: 07/23/21 10:00 AM	CLK	EWA
		PRE-TRIAL HEARING		
		W/PROOF OF SERVICE	CLK	
12	06/21/21	MOTION FILED	CLK	LMC
		TO DISMISS BASED UPON	CLK	
		ENTRAPMENT	CLK	
		W/BRIEF	CLK	
13	06/28/21	THE PEOPLE'S GOECKE MOTION	CLK	LMC
		TO AMEND THE INFORMATION	CLK	
		BRIEF, PROOF OF SERVICE	CLK	
14	07/23/21	PRE-TRIAL HEARING	CRT	EWA
		ATTY DODDAMANI FOR AG VIA	CRT	
		ZOOM; ATTY PALLAS FOR AG VIA	CRT	
		ZOOM; ATTY WILLIAMS FOR DFT	CRT	
		VIA ZOOM; DFT IN CUSTODY VIA	CRT	
		ZOOM; COURT SETS MOTION	CRT	
		HEARING DATES; ALL ANSWERS TO	CRT	
		MOTIONS TO BE FILED BY THE	CRT	
		END OF SEPTEMBER	CRT	
15		NOTICE SENT FOR: 11/17/21 9:00 AM	CLK	EWA
		MOTION HEARING		
		RE:PEOPLE'S GOECKE MOTION TO	CLK	
		AMEND THE INFORMATION AND	CLK	
		DFT'S MOTION TO QUASH	CLK	
		W/PROOF OF SERVICE	CLK	
16		NOTICE SENT FOR: 12/06/21 9:00 AM	CLK	EWA
		MOTION HEARING		
		DFT'S RE:TO DISMISS BASED	CLK	
		UPON ENTRAPMENT	CLK	
		W/PROOF OF SERVICE	CLK	
17	08/11/21	D 001 MOTION FILED	CLK	CKR
		SET NEXT DATE FOR: 11/17/21 9:01 AM	CLK	
		MOTION HEARING		
		RE:TO QUASH AND FOR PERSONAL	CLK	
		BOND	CLK	
		PROOF OF SERVICE	CLK	
18	08/30/21	TRANSCRIPT OF BOND HEARING	CLK	LKW
		VOL. 1 HELD ON MARCH 5, 2021	CLK	
19	09/23/21	THE PEOPLE'S ANSWER TO	CLK	LKW
		DEFENDANTS BELLAR'S, MORRISONS	CLK	
		AND MUSICO'S MOTIONS TO	CLK	
		DISMISS BASED ON ENTRAPMENT	CLK	
20	10/08/21	POEPL'S ANSWER AND BRIEF	CLK	LMC
		IN OPPOSITION TO DFT	CLK	
		MOTION TO QUASH W/PROOF	CLK	
21	11/16/21	REMOVE NEXT EVENT: 11/17/21 9:00 AM	CLK	EWA

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	MOTION HEARING			
	PER REQUEST OF THE COURT		CLK	
22	11/17/21	REMOVE NEXT EVENT: 11/17/21 9:01 AM	CLK	EWA
	MOTION HEARING			
23		REMOVE NEXT EVENT: 12/06/21 9:00 AM	CLK	EWA
	MOTION HEARING			
24		NOTICE SENT FOR: 12/06/21 9:00 AM	CLK	EWA
	MOTION HEARING			
	RE:PEOPLES GOECKE MOTION TO		CLK	
	AMEND THE INFORMATION. DFT'S		CLK	
	MOTION TO QUASH AND DFT'S		CLK	
	MOTION TO DISMISS - ENTRAPMENT		CLK	
	W/PROOF OF SERVICE		CLK	
25		NOTICE SENT FOR: 12/06/21 9:01 AM	CLK	EWA
	MOTION HEARING			
	RE:FOR PERSONAL BOND		CLK	
	W/PROOF OF SERVICE		CLK	
26	11/22/21	REMOVE NEXT EVENT: 12/06/21 9:00 AM	CLK	EWA
	MOTION HEARING			
	DUE TO JUDGE AVAILABILITY		CLK	
27		REMOVE NEXT EVENT: 12/06/21 9:01 AM	CLK	EWA
	MOTION HEARING			
	DUE TO JUDGE AVAILABILITY		CLK	
28		NOTICE SENT FOR: 12/20/21 9:00 AM	CLK	EWA
	MOTION HEARING			
	RE:PEOPLES GOECKE MOTION TO		CLK	
	AMEND THE INFORMATION; DFTS		CLK	
	MOTION TO QUASH AND DFTS		CLK	
	MOTION TO DISMISS - ENTRAPMENT		CLK	
	W/PROOF OF SERVICE		CLK	
29		NOTICE SENT FOR: 12/20/21 9:01 AM	CLK	EWA
	MOTION HEARING			
	RE:FOR PERSONAL BOND		CLK	
	W/PROOF OF SERVICE		CLK	
30	12/01/21	MICHIGAN DEPT OF ATTORNEY	CLK	LMC
	GENERAL WITNESS LIST		CLK	
31	12/17/21	PEOPLE'S BRIEF IN RESPONSE TO	CLK	LSA
	DFTS MOTION FOR PERSONAL BOND		CLK	
32	12/20/21	REQ/NOTICE FOR FILM/ELECTRONIC MEDI	CLK	EWA
	A COVERAGE OF CT. PROCEEDINGS		CLK	
	DETROIT FREE PRESS - APPROVED		CLK	
33		MOTION HEARING	CRT	EWA
	ATTY DODDAMANI FOR AG PRESENT;		CRT	
	ATTY ROLLSTIN FOR AG PRESENT;		CRT	
	ATTY PALLAS FOR AG PRESENT;		CRT	
	ATTY SOMBERG FOR DFT PRESENT;		CRT	
	DFT IN CUSTODY PRESENT;		CRT	
	ARGUMENTS HEARD; DFT'S MOTION		CRT	
	TO QUASH BINDOVER IS DENIED;		CRT	
	PEOPLE'S GOECKE MOTION TO		CRT	
	AMEND THE INFORMATION IS		CRT	
	DENIED; DFT'S MOTION FOR		CRT	
	BOND IS GRANTED; COURT ORDERS		CRT	
	\$5,000.00 C/S BOND; GPS		CRT	
	TETHER - 50 FT RADIUS		CRT	
34		BOND CANCELLED (01)	CLK	EWA
35		ORDER	CLK	EWA

36		RE:PRETRIAL RELEASE NOTICE SENT FOR: 02/23/22 9:00 AM MOTION HEARING	CLK CLK EWA
37 12/21/21	B 001	DFT'S RE: TO DISMISS BASED UPON ENTRAPMENT W/PROOF OF SERVICE	CLK CLK CLK
38 01/07/22		BOND POSTED (02) BOND CONDITIONS ENTERED INTO LEIN SYSID NO P31020601	CLK LSA CLK CHO CLK
39 02/01/22		ORDER DENYING THE PEOPLE'S GOECKE MTN TO AMEND THE INFORMATION AND DEFENDANT'S MOTIONS TO QUASH THE INFORMATION EMAILED TO COUNSELS	CLK NEM CLK CLK CLK CLK
40 02/16/22		PEOPLE'S MEMORANDUM OF LAW AS TO THE INADMISSIBILITY OF QUESTIONING OF SPECIAL AGENT IPOLA AS TO UNADJUDICATED ALLEGATIONS OF PERJURY IN AN UNRELATED CASE PROOF OF SERVICE	CLK CKR CLK CLK CLK CLK CLK
41 02/18/22		REQUEST AND NOTICE FOR FILM AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA COVERAGE OF COURT PROCEEDINGS W/NOTICE TO PARTIES/ATTORNEYS	CLK ALR CLK CLK
42 02/22/22		REQUEST AND NOTICE FOR FILM AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA COVERAGE OF COURT PROCEEDINGS W/NOTICE	CLK GCO CLK CLK
43 02/23/22		MOTION HEARING ATTY DODDAMANI FOR AG PRESENT; ATTY ROLLSTIN FOR AG PRESENT; ATTY PALLAS FOR AG PRESENT; ATTY SOMBERG FOR DFT PRESENT; DFT PRESENT; SWORN TESTIMONY HEARD; EXHIBITS ENTERED; MOTION HEARING TO BE CONTINUED ON 02/28/2022; ATTY SOMBERG ADDRESSES BOND; COURT AMENDS BOND TO ALLOW DFT TO WORK BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8AM-6PM	CRT EWA CRT CRT CRT CRT CRT CRT CRT CRT CRT
44		SET NEXT DATE FOR: 02/28/22 9:30 AM MOTION HEARING DFT'S RE: TO DISMISS BASED UPON ENTRAPMENT	CLK EWA CLK CLK
45 02/25/22		ORDER RE:AMENDED PRETRIAL RELEASE	CLK EWA CLK
46		REQUEST AND NOTICE FOR FILM AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA COVERAGE OF COURT PROCEEDINGS W/NOTICE	CLK GCO CLK CLK
47		REQUEST AND NOTICE FOR FILM AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA COVERAGE OF COURT PROCEEDINGS W/NOTICE	CLK GCO CLK CLK
48		BOND CONDITIONS AMENDED IN LEIN SYS ID:P31020601	CLK GCO CLK
49 02/28/22		MOTION HEARING ATTY DODDAMANI FOR AG PRESENT;	CRT EWA CRT

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	ATTY ROLLSTIN FOR AG PRESENT;	CRT	
	ATTY PALLAS FOR AG PRESENT;	CRT	
	ATTY SOMBERG FOR DFT PRESENT;	CRT	
	DFT PRESENT; SWORN TESTIMONY	CRT	
	HEARD; CLOSING ARGUMENTS BY	CRT	
	COUNSEL; COURT SETS HEARING	CRT	
	FOR RULING	CRT	
50	SET NEXT DATE FOR: 03/01/22 1:30 PM	CLK EWA	
	MISCELLANEOUS HEARING		
	RULING ON MOTION TO DISMISS	CLK	
51 03/01/22	REQUEST AND NOTICE FOR FILM	CLK GCO	
	AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA COVERAGE	CLK	
	OF COURT PROCEEDINGS	CLK	
52	REQUEST AND NOTICE FOR FILM	CLK GCO	
	AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA COVERAGE	CLK	
	OF COURT PROCEEDINGS	CLK	
53	MISCELLANEOUS HEARING	CRT EWA	
	ATTY DODDAMANI FOR AG VIA	CRT	
	ZOOM; ATTY ROLLSTIN FOR AG VIA	CRT	
	ZOOM; ATTY PALLAS FOR AG VIA	CRT	
	ZOOM; ATTY SOMBERG FOR DFT	CRT	
	VIA ZOOM; DFT VIA ZOOM; DFT'S	CRT	
	MOTION TO DISMISS BASED UPON	CRT	
	ENTRAPMENT IS DENIED; COURT	CRT	
	SETS FINAL PRETRIAL AND JURY	CRT	
	TRIAL DATE	CRT	
54	NOTICE SENT FOR: 08/09/22 9:00 AM	CLK EWA	
	PRE-TRIAL HEARING		
	FINAL	CLK	
	W/PROOF OF SERVICE	CLK	
55	NOTICE SENT FOR: 09/12/22 9:30 AM	CLK EWA	
	JURY TRIAL		
	W/PROOF OF SERVICE	CLK	
56 03/04/22	ORDER	CLK EWA	
	RE:PRETRIAL RELEASE - AMENDED	CLK	
	CONDITIONS	CLK	
57 03/16/22	TRANSCRIPT OF EXCERPT OF	CLK LKW	
	TESTIMONY-- "DAN" HEARD ON	CLK	
	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28,2022	CLK	
	TRANSCRIBED BY THERESA'S	CLK	
	TRANSCRIPTION SERVICE	CLK	
58 04/18/22	DFT LEFT VOICEMAIL REGARDING	CLK NEM	
	AN ISSUE HE HAD W/HIS GPS	CLK	
	TETHER ON 04-17-2022 @ 6:30PM;	CLK	
	HE MET AN OFFICER AT JAX CRSNG	CLK	
	7:40PM TO 8:40PM TO RESOLVE	CLK	
	THE ISSUE	CLK	
	VOICEMAIL FORWARDED TO ATTY	CLK	
	SOMBERG AND ATTY DODDAMANI	CLK	
59 07/19/22	PROOF OF SERVICE FILED	CLK CKR	
	MOTION IN LIMINE & BRIEF	CLK	
	PEOPLE'S MEMORANDUM OF LAW	CLK	
	MOTION IN LIMINE TO PRECLUDE	CLK	
	MOTION FOR SPECIAL JURY	CLK	
	INSTRUCTIONS	CLK	
60 07/20/22	MOTION FILED	CLK CKR	
	PEOPLE'S MOTION IN LIMINE TO	CLK	

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	PRECLUDE ANY ATTEMPTS BY DFTS	CLK	
	TO ADMIT THEIR OWN HEARSAY	CLK	
	STATEMENTS	CLK	
61	MOTION FILED	CLK	CKR
	PEOPLE'S MOTION IN LIMINE RE:	CLK	
	USE OF CO-CONSPIRATOR	CLK	
	STATEMENTS AT TRIAL	CLK	
	W/ BRIEF AND SUPPORT	CLK	
62	MOTION FILED	CLK	CKR
	PEOPLE'S MEMORANDUM OF LAW AS	CLK	
	TO THE INADMISSABILITY OF	CLK	
	QUESTIONING OF SPECIAL AGENT	CLK	
	IMPOLA AT TRIAL AS TO THE	CLK	
	UNADJUDICATED ALLEGATIONS OF	CLK	
	PERJURY IN AN UNRELATED CASE	CLK	
63	MOTION FILED	CLK	CKR
	MOTION FOR SPECIAL JURY	CLK	
	INSTRUCTIONS	CLK	
	W/ BRIEF IN SUPPORT	CLK	
64	PEOPLE'S NOTICE OF INTENT TO	CLK	CKR
	INTRODUCE OTHER ACTS EVIDENCE	CLK	
	PROOF OF SERVICE	CLK	
65 07/26/22	MOTION FILED	CLK	AYL
	RE: PEOPLE'S MOTION IN LIMINE	CLK	
	TO PRECLUDE INADMISSABLE	CLK	
	IMPEACHMENT EVIDENCE ABOUT	CLK	
	FBI AGENTS	CLK	
66 08/05/22	REMOVE NEXT EVENT: 09/12/22 9:30 AM	CLK	EWA
	JURY TRIAL		
	PER REQUEST OF AG DUE TO	CLK	
	UNAVAILABILITY; JURY TRIAL	CLK	
	RESET	CLK	
67	NOTICE SENT FOR: 10/03/22 9:00 AM	CLK	EWA
	JURY TRIAL		
	W/PROOF OF SERVICE	CLK	
68 08/08/22	REQUEST AND NOTICE FOR FILM &	CLK	ALR
	ELECTRONIC MEDIA COVERAGE OF	CLK	
	COURT PROCEEDINGS	CLK	
69 08/09/22	MOTION HEARING	CRT	EWA
	ATTY DODDAMANI, ATTY PALLAS	CRT	
	AND ATTY ROLLSTIN FOR AG	CRT	
	PRESENT; ATTY SOMBERG FOR DFT	CRT	
	PRESENT; DFT PRESENT;	CRT	
	ARGUMENTS HEARD; COURT PLACES	CRT	
	RULINGS ON RECORD; JURY TRIAL	CRT	
	DATE REMAINS; ATTY SOMBERG	CRT	
	ADDRESSES BOND; ATTY SOMBERG	CRT	
	TO PREPARE NEW BOND ORDER	CRT	
	ALLOWING DFT TO SEARCH FOR	CRT	
	WORK, GROCERY SHOP AND STOP	CRT	
	FOR GAS	CRT	
70 08/17/22	ORDER	CLK	EWA
	RE:PRETRIAL RELEASE - AMENDED	CLK	
	CONDITIONS	CLK	
71 08/18/22	REQUEST AND NOTICE FOR FILM	CLK	CHO
	AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA COVERAGE	CLK	
	OF COURT PROCEEDINGS ON	CLK	

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		OCTOBER 3, 2022 SUBMITTED BY	CLK	
		WILX	CLK	
72	09/02/22	MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF	CLK	MAL
		ATTORNEY GENERAL WITNESS LIST	CLK	
		OF ENDORSED WITNESSES FOR	CLK	
		TRIAL	CLK	
		PROOF OF SERVICE	CLK	
73	09/07/22	D 001 APPEARANCE	CLK	MAL
		ATTORNEY: P-81245 BALLARD	CLK	
		SUBSTITUTION OF ATTORNEY	CLK	
		PROOF OF SERVICE	CLK	
74		D 001 FROM: SOMBERG, NICHOLAS,	CLK	MAL
		TO: BALLARD, LEONARD,	CLK	
75		NOTICE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR	CLK	MAL
		COUNSEL	CLK	
76		PEOPLE'S DEMAND FOR DISCOVERY	CLK	MAL
		PROOF OF SERVICE	CLK	
77	09/12/22	REQUEST AND NOTICE FOR FILM	CLK	GCO
		AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA COVERAGE	CLK	
		OF COURT PROCEEDINGS	CLK	
		VANDUSSEN PRODUCTIONS	CLK	
78	09/14/22	THE PEOPLE'S MOTION IN LIMINE	CLK	TCA
		TO EXCLUDE EVIDENCE OF PRIOR	CLK	
		VERDICT IN RELATED FEDERAL	CLK	
		CASE.	CLK	
		WITH PROOF OF SERVICE.	CLK	
79		SET NEXT DATE FOR: 09/15/22 11:30 AM	CLK	EWA
		MISCELLANEOUS HEARING		
80	09/15/22	MISCELLANEOUS HEARING	CRT	NEM
		ATTYS DODDAMANI, PALLAS, AND	CRT	
		ROLLSTIN FOR THE AG OFFICE	CRT	
		VIA ZOOM; ATTY SOMBERG VIA	CRT	
		ZOOM; ATTY BALLARD PRESENT;	CRT	
		DFT PRESENT; ARGUMENTS HEARD	CRT	
		AS TO DISMISSING ATTY SOMBERG	CRT	
		AND APPOINTING ATTY BALLARD,	CRT	
		COURT RULES IN DISMISSING ATTY	CRT	
		SOMBERG AND APPOINTS ATTY	CRT	
		BALLARD; ADDITIONAL MATTERS	CRT	
		ADDRESSED, THE COURT SETS A	CRT	
		NEW DATE FOR CONTINUATION AND	CRT	
		FOR ANY FURTHER ISSUES TO BE	CRT	
		ADDRESSED	CRT	
81		NOTICE SENT FOR: 09/27/22 10:30 AM	CLK	NEM
		MISCELLANEOUS HEARING		
		W/PROOF OF SERVICE	CLK	
82	09/20/22	REQUEST AND NOTICE FOR FILM	CLK	GCO
		AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA COVERAGE	CLK	
		OF COURT PROCEEDINGS MLIVE	CLK	
83		REQUEST AND NOTICE FOR FILM	CLK	GCO
		AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA COVERAGE	CLK	
		OF COURT PROCEEDINGS MLIVE	CLK	
84		ORDER	CLK	EWA
		RE: DENYING ERIC VANDUSSEN'S	CLK	
		MEDIA REQUEST	CLK	
85	09/22/22	MOTION FILED	CLK	CKR
		ERIC VANDUSSEN FOR VANDUSSEN	CLK	

	PRODUCTIONS EMERGENCY MOTION	CLK	
	FOR RECONSIDERATION	CLK	
	W/ PROOF OF SERVICE	CLK	
86	MOTION FILED	CLK	CKR
	RECEIPT# 00436982 AMT \$20.00		
	FROM ERIC VANDUSSEN	CLK	
87	ORDER	CLK	EWA
	DENYING ERIC VANDUSSEN'S	CLK	
	MEDIA REQUEST (9/27 HEARING)	CLK	
88	MI DEPT OF ATTY GENERAL FIRST	CLK	MAL
	AMENDED WITNESS LIST OF	CLK	
	ENDORSED WITNESSES FOR TRIAL	CLK	
	PROOF OF SERVICE	CLK	
89 09/23/22	WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS	CLK	CKR
	DELIVER TO JUDGE WILSON'S	CLK	
	COURTROOM ON 10-10-2022 @ 9 AM	CLK	
	FOR WITNESS TESTIMONY	CLK	
90	SET NEXT DATE FOR: 09/27/22 10:31 AM	CLK	EWA
	MOTION HEARING		
	RE:VANDUSSEN PRODUCTIONS	CLK	
	EMERGENY MOTION FOR	CLK	
	RECONSIDERATION	CLK	
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D 001 BELLAR, PAUL, EDWARD  
1985 DORCHESTER DR  
COMMERCE, MI 48390

DOB: XXXXXXXX SEX: M RACE: U  
CTN:962090096901 TCN:  
SID:5901581K PIN:1000031420  
DLN:XXXXXXXXXXXX ST:XX

ATY: KIRKPATRICK, ANDREW P., PROSECUTOR: DODDAMANI, SUNITA G.,  
P-66842 517-783-3500 APPOINTED P-67459  
LOWER DISTRICT: 1200 CTY# 38 CASE# 2003171FY PRELIM: WAIVE 03/29/21  
INCARCERATION DATE: 11/01/19 DISTRICT ARRAIGNMENT: 10/20/20

B 001 LODISE,,  
ATY: BOND, LODISE BON  
P-09500 517-788-8888

#### Bond History

Num	Amount	Type	Posted Date	Status
1	\$75,000.00	Surety	4/07/21	Posted

#### Charges

Num	Type	Charge (Pacc)	Asc/Trf	Charge Description	Offense Dt	Dsp	Evt
01	ORG	750.543K1B		TERRORIST ACTS-PROVIDE MA	11/01/19		
02	ORG	750.411U		GANG MEMBERSHIP FELONIES	11/01/19		
03	ORG	750.227B-A		FELONY FIREARMS	11/01/19		

#### Actions, Judgments, Case Notes

Num	Date	Judge	Chg/Pty	Event Description/Comments	
1	04/07/21	WILSON		RETURN TO CIRCUIT COURT	CLK LSA
				75,000 SUR BOND POSTED BY	CLK
				LODISE	CLK
				CO-DFTS PETE MUSCIO 20-3173-FH	CLK
				JOSEPH MORRISON 20-3172-FH	CLK
				BOUND OVER	CLK
2			B 001	BOND POSTED (01)	CLK LSA
3				TRANSCRIPT OF PROBABLE CAUSE	CLK LMC
				HEARING VOL 1, VOL 2, VOL 3	CLK
				ON 3/3/2020 1-3/4/2021	CLK
4				INFORMATION	CLK EWA
8				COURT ORI MODIFIED FROM 12D TO	CLK CVD
				4TH CC SYSID NO P30914494	CLK
5	04/20/21			MOTION FILED	CLK LMC
				EX-PARTE MOTION FOR	CLK
				EXTRAORDINARY FEES	CLK
6				ORDER	CLK LMC
				EX-PARTE ORDER RE: FEES	CLK
7	04/21/21			NOTICE SENT FOR: 05/25/21 9:00 AM	CLK NEM
				PRE-TRIAL HEARING	
				W/PROOF OF SERVICE	CLK
9	05/07/21			TRANSCRIPT OF PROBABLE CAUSE	CLK LSA
				HEARING 3/29/21	CLK
10	05/19/21			PROSECUTOR CORRECTED TO	CLK NEM

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11	05/25/21		DODDAMANI PER PHONE CALL FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERALS OFFICE PRE-TRIAL HEARING	CLK	
			ATTY DODDAMANI, ATTY ROLLSTIN, AND ATTY PALLAS FOR AG VIA ZOOM; ATTY KIRKPATRICK FOR DFT PRESENT; DFT VIA ZOOM; ATTY KIRKPATRICK REQUESTS THAT DFT BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE STATE TO GET HIS BELONGINGS; COURT GRANTS 4 DAYS; ATTY KIRKPATRICK TO PREPARE ORDER; MOTIONS TO BE FILED BY 06/25/2021; MOTION RESPONSES TO BE FILED BY 07/16/2021; COURT SETS NEW PRETRIAL DATE; ALL MOTIONS TO BE ADDRESSED ON SAME DATE; BOND CONTINUED	CRT	EWA
12			REQ/NOTICE FOR FILM/ELECTRONIC MEDIA COVERAGE OF CT. PROCEEDINGS	CLK	EWA
13	05/26/21		NOTICE SENT FOR: 07/23/21 10:00 AM PRE-TRIAL HEARING	CLK	EWA
			MOTIONS TO BE FILED BY 06/25/2021	CLK	
			MOTION RESPONSES TO BE FILED BY 07/16/2021	CLK	
14	06/09/21		W/PROOF OF SERVICE ORDER	CLK	EWA
			RE:DFT LEAVING THE STATE OF MICHIGAN	CLK	
15	06/28/21		MOTION FILED	CLK	LMC
			THE PEOPLE'S GOECKE MOTION TO AMEND THE INFORMATION BRIEF, PROOF OF SERVICE	CLK	
16	07/13/21	D 001	MOTION FILED	CLK	CKR
			TO QUASH	CLK	
			W/ PROOF OF SERVICE	CLK	
17	07/20/21	D 001	OBJECTION TO PEOPLE'S GOECKE MOTION TO AMEND THE INFORMATION	CLK	CKR
18		D 001	BRIEF IN SUPPORT	CLK	CKR
			W/ PROOF OF SERVICE	CLK	
19	07/22/21	D 001	MOTION FILED	CLK	CKR
			TO DISMISS BASED UPON THE DEFENSE OF ENTRAPMENT	CLK	
			W/ PROOF OF SERVICE	CLK	
20	07/23/21		PRE-TRIAL HEARING	CRT	EWA
			ATTY DODDAMANI FOR AG VIA ZOOM; ATTY PALLAS FOR AG VIA ZOOM; ATTY KIRKPATRICK FOR DFT PRESENT; DFT VIA ZOOM; COURT SETS MOTION HEARING DATES; ALL ANSWERS TO MOTION TO BE FILED BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER; BOND CONTINUED	CRT	
21			NOTICE SENT FOR: 11/17/21 9:00 AM	CLK	EWA
			MOTION HEARING		

Case Number	Date	Action	Time	Case Number	Date	Action	Time	Case Number	Date	Action	Time
		RE:PEOPLE'S GOECKE MOTION TO				AMEND THE INFORMATION AND					
		DFT'S MOTION TO QUASH				W/PROOF OF SERVICE					
22		NOTICE SENT FOR:	12/06/21 9:00 AM			MOTION HEARING					
		DFT'S RE:TO DISMISS BASED UPON				ENTRAPMENT					
		W/PROOF OF SERVICE				THE PEOPLE'S ANSWER TO					
23	09/23/21	DEFENDANTS BELLAR'S,MORRISONS'				AND MUSICO'S MOTIONS TO					
		DISMISS BASED ON ENTRAPMENT				PEOPLE'S ANSWER AND BRIEF					
24	10/08/21	IN OPPOSITION TO DFT				MOTION TO QUASH					
		W/PROOF				REMOVE NEXT EVENT:	11/17/21 9:00 AM				
25	11/16/21	MOTION HEARING				PER REQUEST OF COURT					
		ORDER				RE:ALLOWING DFT TO GO TO THE					
		SECRETARY OF STATE				REMOVE NEXT EVENT:	12/06/21 9:00 AM				
27		MOTION HEARING				NOTICE SENT FOR:	12/06/21 9:00 AM				
28		MOTION HEARING				RE:PEOPLES GOECKE MOTION TO					
		AMEND THE INFORMATION, DFT'S				MOTION TO QUASH AND DFT'S					
		MOTION TO DISMISS - ENTRAPMENT				W/PROOF OF SERVICE					
29	11/22/21	REMOVE NEXT EVENT:	12/06/21 9:00 AM			MOTION HEARING					
		DUE TO JUDGE AVAILABILITY				NOTICE SENT FOR:	12/20/21 9:00 AM				
30		MOTION HEARING				RE:PEOPLES GOECKE MOTION TO					
		AMEND THE INFORMATION, DFTS				MOTION TO QUASH AND DFTS					
		MOTION TO DISMISS - ENTRAPMENT				W/PROOF OF SERVICE					
31	11/30/21	MICHIGAN DEPT OF ATTORNEY				GENERAL WITNESS LIST					
32	12/20/21	REQ/NOTICE FOR FILM/ELECTRONIC MEDI				A COVERAGE OF CT. PROCEEDINGS					
		DETROIT FREE PRESS - APPROVED				MOTION HEARING					
33		ATTY DODDAMANI FOR AG PRESENT;				ATTY ROLLSTIN FOR AG PRESENT;					
		ATTY PALLAS FOR AG PRESENT;				ATTY KIRKPATRICK FOR DFT					
		PRESENT; DFT PRESENT;				ARGUMENTS HEARD; DFT'S MOTION					
		TO QUASH BINDOVER IS DENIED;				PEOPLE'S GOECKE MOTION TO					
		AMEND THE INFORMATION IS									



Case No.	Date	Time	Event	Location	Case No.	Date	Time	Event	Location
34			DENIED; COURT RESETS	CRT					
			DFT'S ENTRAPMENT MOTION	CRT					
			NOTICE SENT FOR: 02/23/22 9:00 AM	CLK EWA					
			MOTION HEARING						
			DFT'S RE: TO DISMISS BASED	CLK					
			UPON ENTRAPMENT	CLK					
35	01/11/22		W/PROOF OF SERVICE	CLK					
			ORDER	CLK CKR					
36	02/01/22		RE:BOND CONDITIONS	CLK					
			ORDER	CLK NEM					
			DENYING THE PEOPLE'S GOECKE	CLK					
			MTN TO AMEND THE INFORMATION	CLK					
			AND DEFENDANT'S MOTIONS TO	CLK					
			QUASH THE INFORMATION	CLK					
			EMAILED TO COUNSELS	CLK					
37	02/16/22		PEOPLE'S MEMORANDUM OF LAW AS	CLK CKR					
			TO THE INADMISSIBILITY OF	CLK					
			QUESTIONING OF SPECIAL AGENT	CLK					
			IMPOLA AS TO UNADJUDICATED	CLK					
			ALLEGATIONS OF PERJURY IN AN	CLK					
			UNRELATED CASE	CLK					
			PROOF OF SERVICE	CLK					
38	02/18/22		REQUEST AND NOTICE FOR FILM	CLK ALR					
			AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA COVERAGE	CLK					
			OF COURT PROCEEDINGS W/NOTICE	CLK					
			TO PARTIES/ATTORNEYS	CLK					
39	02/22/22		REQUEST AND NOTICE FOR FILM	CLK GCO					
			AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA COVERAGE	CLK					
			OF COURT PROCEEDINGS W/NOTICE	CLK					
40	02/23/22		MOTION HEARING	CRT EWA					
			ATTY DODDAMANI FOR AG PRESENT;	CRT					
			ATTY ROLLSTIN FOR AG PRESENT;	CRT					
			ATTY PALLAS FOR AG PRESENT;	CRT					
			ATTY KIRKPATRICK FOR DFT	CRT					
			PRESENT; DFT PRESENT; SWORN	CRT					
			TESTIMONY HEARD; EXHIBITS	CRT					
			ENTERED; MOTION HEARING TO BE	CRT					
			CONTINUED ON 02/28/2022	CRT					
41			SET NEXT DATE FOR: 02/28/22 9:30 AM	CLK EWA					
			MOTION HEARING						
			DFT'S RE: TO DISMISS BASED	CLK					
			UPON ENTRAPMENT	CLK					
42	02/25/22		REQUEST AND NOTICE FOR FILM	CLK GCO					
			AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA COVERAGE	CLK					
			OF COURT PROCEEDINGS W/NOTICE	CLK					
43			REQUEST AND NOTICE FOR FILM	CLK GCO					
			AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA COVERAGE	CLK					
			OF COURT PROCEEDINGS W/NOTICE	CLK					
44	02/28/22		MOTION HEARING	CRT EWA					
			ATTY DODDAMANI FOR AG PRESENT;	CRT					
			ATT ROLLSTIN FOR AG PRESENT;	CRT					
			ATTY PALLAS FOR AG PRESENT;	CRT					
			ATTY KIRKPATRICK FOR DFT	CRT					
			PRESENT; DFT PRESENT; SWORN	CRT					
			TESTIMONY HEARD; CLOSING	CRT					
			ARGUMENTS BY COUNSELS; COURT	CRT					
			SETS HEARING FOR RULING	CRT					

LINE	DATE	DESCRIPTION	TIME	CLOCK	AGENT
45		SET NEXT DATE FOR:	03/01/22 1:30 PM	CLK	EWA
		MISCELLANEOUS HEARING			
46	03/01/22	RULING ON MOTION TO DISMISS		CLK	
		REQUEST AND NOTICE FOR FILM		CLK	GCO
		AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA COVERAGE		CLK	
47		OF COURT PROCEEDINGS W/NOTICE		CLK	
		REQUEST AND NOTICE FOR FILM		CLK	GCO
		AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA COVERAGE		CLK	
48		OF COURT PROCEEDINGS		CLK	
		MISCELLANEOUS HEARING		CRT	EWA
		ATTY DODDAMANI FOR AG VIA		CRT	
		ZOOM; ATTY ROLLSTIN FOR AG VIA		CRT	
		ZOOM; ATTY PALLAS FOR AG VIA		CRT	
		ZOOM; ATTY KIRKPATRICK FOR DFT		CRT	
		PRESENT; DFT VIA ZOOM; DFT'S		CRT	
		MOTION TO DISMISS BASED UPON		CRT	
		ENTRAPMENT IS DENIED; COURT		CRT	
		SETS FINAL PRETRIAL AND JURY		CRT	
		TRIAL DATE		CRT	
49		NOTICE SENT FOR:	08/09/22 9:00 AM	CLK	EWA
		PRE-TRIAL HEARING			
		FINAL		CLK	
		W/PROOF OF SERVICE		CLK	
50		NOTICE SENT FOR:	09/12/22 9:30 AM	CLK	EWA
		JURY TRIAL			
		W/PROOF OF SERVICE		CLK	
51		DEFENDANT'S CLOSING TO THE		CLK	LKW
		MOTION TO DISMISS BASED UPON		CLK	
		THE DEFENSE OF ENTRAPMENT		CLK	
52	03/04/22	ORDER		CLK	EWA
		EX PARTE RE:EXTRAORDINARY FEES		CLK	
53	03/16/22	TRANSCRIPT OF EXCERPT OF		CLK	LKW
		TESTIMONY- "DAN" - HEARD ON		CLK	
		MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28,2022		CLK	
		TRANSCRIBED BY THERESA'S		CLK	
		TRANSCRIPTION SERVICE		CLK	
54	07/19/22	PROOF OF SERVICE FILED		CLK	CKR
		PEOPLE'S MOTION IN LIMINE &		CLK	
		BRIEF		CLK	
		MEMORANDUM OF LAW		CLK	
		MOTION IN LIMINE TO PRECLUDE		CLK	
		MOTION FOR SPECIAL JURY		CLK	
		INSTRUCTIONA		CLK	
55	07/20/22	MOTION FILED		CLK	CKR
		PEOPLE'S MOTION IN LIMINE TO		CLK	
		PRECLUDE ANY ATTEMPT BY DFTS		CLK	
		TO ADMIT THEIR OWN HEARSAY		CLK	
		STATEMENTS		CLK	
56		MOTION FILED		CLK	CKR
		PEOPLE'S MOTION IN LIMINE RE:		CLK	
		USE OF CO-CONSPIRATOR		CLK	
		STATEMENTS AT TRIAL		CLK	
		W/ BRIEF IN SUPPORT		CLK	
57		MOTION FILED		CLK	CKR
		PEOPLE'S MEMORANDUM OF LAW AS		CLK	
		TO THE INADMISSABILITY OF		CLK	
		QUESTIONING OF SPECIAL AGENT		CLK	

	IMPOLA AT TRIAL AS TO	CLK	
	UNADJUDICATED ALLEGATIONS OF	CLK	
	PERJURY IN AN UNRELATED CASE	CLK	
58	MOTION FILED	CLK	CKR
	PEOPLE'S MOTION FOR SPECIAL	CLK	
	JURY INSTRUCTION	CLK	
	W/ BRIEF IN SUPPORT	CLK	
59 07/26/22	MOTION FILED	CLK	AYL
	RE: MOTION IN LIMINE TO	CLK	
	PRECLUDE INADMISSABLE	CLK	
	IMPEACHMENT EVIDENCE ABOUT FBI	CLK	
	AGENTS	CLK	
	PROOF OF SERVICE	CLK	
60 08/05/22	REMOVE NEXT EVENT: 09/12/22 9:30 AM	CLK	EWA
	JURY TRIAL		
	PER REQUEST OF AG DUE TO	CLK	
	UNAVAILABILITY; JURY TRIAL	CLK	
	RESET	CLK	
61	NOTICE SENT FOR: 10/03/22 9:00 AM	CLK	EWA
	JURY TRIAL		
	W/PROOF OF SERVICE	CLK	
62	DFT'S RESPONSE TO THE PEOPLE'S	CLK	AYL
	MOTION FOR SPECIAL JURY	CLK	
	INSTRUCTIONS	CLK	
	W/PROOF OFSERVICE	CLK	
63	DFT'S RESPONSE TO THE PEOPLE'S	CLK	AYL
	MOTION IN LIMINE AND BRIEF	CLK	
	IN SUPPORT REGARDING USE OF	CLK	
	CO-CONSPIRATOR STATEMENTS AT	CLK	
	TRIAL	CLK	
	W/PROOF OF SERVICE	CLK	
64	DFT'S RESPONSE TO THE PEOPLE'S	CLK	AYL
	MOTION TO PRECLUDE ANY ATTEMPT	CLK	
	BY DFTS TO ADMIT THEIR OWN	CLK	
	HEARSAY STATEMENTS	CLK	
	W/PROOF OF SERVICE	CLK	
65	DFT'S RESPONSE TO MEMORANDUM	CLK	AYL
	OF LAW AS TO THE ADMISSIBILITY	CLK	
	OF QUESTIONING OF SPECIAL	CLK	
	AGENT IMPOLA AT TRIAL AS TO	CLK	
	UNADJUDICATED ALLEGATIONS OF	CLK	
	PERJURY IN AN UNRELATED CASE	CLK	
	W/PROOF OF SERVICE	CLK	
66 08/08/22	REQUEST AND NOTICE FOR FILM &	CLK	ALR
	ELECTRONIC MEDIA COVERAGE OF	CLK	
	COURT PROCEEDINGS	CLK	
67 08/09/22	MOTION HEARING	CRT	EWA
	ATTY DODDAMANI, ATTY PALLAS	CRT	
	AND ATTY ROLLSTIN FOR AG	CRT	
	PRESENT; ATTY KIRKPATRICK FOR	CRT	
	DFT PRESENT; DFT PRESENT;	CRT	
	ARGUMENTS HEARD; COURT PLACES	CRT	
	RULINGS ON RECORD; JURY TRIAL	CRT	
	DATE REMAINS	CRT	
68 08/18/22	REQUEST AND NOTICE FOR FILM	CLK	CHO
	AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA COVERAGE	CLK	
	OF COURT PROCEEDINGS ON	CLK	

69	09/02/22	OCTOBER 3, 2022 BY WILX MICHIGAN DEPT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL WITNESS LIST OF ENDORSED WITNESSES FOR TRIAL PROOF OF SERVICE	CLK CLK MAL CLK CLK
70	09/07/22	PEOPLE'S DEMAND FOR DISCOVERY PROOF OF SERVICE	CLK MAL CLK
71	09/12/22	REQUEST AND NOTICE FOR FILM AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA COVERAGE OF COURT PROCEEDINGS VANDUSSEN PRODUCTIONS	CLK GCO CLK CLK
76		REQUEST AND NOTICE FOR FILM & ELECTRONIC MEDIA COVERAGE OF COURT PROCEEDINGS - REQUESTED FOR 10/3/22-10/31/22/END OF TRIAL	CLK ALR CLK CLK CLK
72	09/14/22	THE PEOPLE'S MOTION IN LIMINE TO EXCLUDE EVIDENCE OF PRIOR VERDICT IN RELATED FEDERAL CASE. WITH PROOF OF SERVICE.	CLK TCA CLK CLK CLK
73		SET NEXT DATE FOR: 09/15/22 11:30 AM MISCELLANEOUS HEARING	CLK EWA
74	09/15/22	MISCELLANEOUS HEARING ATTYS DODDAMANI, PALLAS, AND ROLLSTIN FOR THE AG OFFICE VIA ZOOM; ATTY KIRKPATRICK FOR DFT PRESENT, DFT VIA ZOOM; MATTERS ADDRESSED AND RULINGS PLACED ON THE RECORD; ADDITIONAL COURT DATE IS SET FOR CONTINUATION AND FOR ANY FURTHER ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED	CRT NEM CRT CRT CRT CRT CRT CRT
75		NOTICE SENT FOR: 09/27/22 10:30 AM MISCELLANEOUS HEARING W/PROOF OF SERVICE	CLK NEM CLK
77	09/20/22	REQUEST AND NOTICE FOR FILM AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA COVERAGE OF COURT PROCEEDINGS MLIVE	CLK GCO CLK CLK
78		REQUEST AND NOTICE FOR FILM AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA COVERAGE IF COURT PROCEEDINGS MLIVE	CLK GCO CLK CLK
79		ORDER RE:DENYING ERIC VANDUSSEN'S MEDIA REQUEST	CLK EWA CLK CLK
80	09/22/22	MOTION FILED RECEIPT# 00436980 AMT \$20.00 ERIC VANDUSSEN FOR VANDUSSEN PRODUCTIONS EMERGENCY MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION W/PROOF OF SERVICE	CLK CKR CLK CLK CLK
81		ORDER DENYING ERIC VANDUSSEN'S MEDIA REQUEST (9/27 HEARING)	CLK EWA CLK CLK
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83	09/23/22	PROOF OF SERVICE	CLK	
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		DELIVER TO JUDGE WILSON'S	CLK	
		COURTROOM ON 10-10-2022 AT	CLK	
		9:30 AM RE:WITNESS TESTIMONY	CLK	
85		SET NEXT DATE FOR: 09/27/22 10:31 AM	CLK	EWA
		MOTION HEARING		
		RE:VANDUSSEN PRODUCTIONS	CLK	
		EMERGENCY MOTION FOR	CLK	
		RECONSIDERATION	CLK	
84	09/26/22	DEFENDANT'S RESPONSE TO THE	CLK	TCA
		PEOPLE'S MOTION IN LIMINE TO	CLK	
		EXCLUDE EVIDENCE OF PRIOR JURY	CLK	
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		CASE AND BRIEF IN SUPPORT.	CLK	
		WITH PROOF OF SERVICE.	CLK	
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# EXHIBIT 13



12 - May 25, 2021

32 - December 20, 2021 (DETROIT FREE PRESS - APPROVED)

38 - February 18, 2022

39 - February 22, 2022

42 - February 25, 2022

43 - February 25, 2022

46 - March 1, 2022

47 - March 1, 2022

66 - August 8, 2022

68 - August 18, 2022

71 - September 12, 2022 (VanDussen)

77 - September 20, 2022 (MLive)

79 - September 20, 2022 - ORDER RE: DENYING ERIC VANDUSSEN'S MEDIA REQUEST

80 - September 22, 2022 - MOTION FILED - ERIC VANDUSSEN FOR VANDUSSEN PRODUCTIONS  
EMERGENCY MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

81 - September 22, 2022 - ORDER DENYING ERIC VANDUSSEN'S MEDIA REQUEST (9/27 HEARING)

85 - September 23, 2022 - SET NEXT DATE FOR: 09/27/22 10:31 AM

MOTION HEARING RE: VANDUSSEN PRODUCTIONS EMERGENCY MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

# EXHIBIT 14



## MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT

BRIDGET M. McCORMACK  
CHIEF JUSTICE

MICHIGAN HALL OF JUSTICE  
925 WEST OTTAWA STREET  
LANSING, MICHIGAN 48915

September 24, 2019

The Honorable Henry C. Johnson  
The Honorable Martha Roby  
U.S. House Committee on the Judiciary  
Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet  
2138 Rayburn House Office Building  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives:

Sunshine is a powerful thing, especially when it comes to revealing to the public how our government works. In the legislative and executive branches, sunshine leads to better public policy, informed by public input. In the judiciary, sunshine leads to better public understanding and increased trust in judicial decisions. That trust is the bedrock of our democracy; however, blocking broadcast media access to federal courts undermines public trust and thwarts the democratic process.

My view on opening the doors of federal courts to television coverage is simple: It's the public's court. They should be able to watch it work with as little difficulty as possible. My dad watches the Michigan Supreme Court online when we have oral argument; he should be able to do the same with U.S. Supreme Court and every other federal court.

Especially with federal courts of appeal and SCOTUS, people can't easily travel to where the court sits to see it work. But they have a real interest in the court's decisions as those decisions apply to them. Why shouldn't they see how it does business and be able to watch it in action? If you live in Michigan and there is a case being argued in the 6th Circuit the outcome of which will affect you, why should you have to travel to Cincinnati to watch the court conduct business?

More transparency is also important for procedural fairness. When people understand what the court is doing, and understand how it works and how it makes its decisions, and even understands why it makes those decisions, they are more likely to follow them. This openness builds confidence in the rule of law and encourages the public to participate in future proceedings and to follow the court's orders.

Opposition to broadcast media access relies on tired old maxims that have long been disproven by practice in courts nationwide who have embraced transparency and sunshine over closed doors and darkness. For example, some say TV cameras distract participants. In our courtroom, cameras are simply a fixture of proceedings, no more distracting than a podium or a chair but just as necessary. And some say TV diminishes the dignity of the courts. The opposite is true: blocking public access makes the public wonder what less than dignified things might be happening behind closed doors.

Nearly every state allows some form of camera coverage in the courtroom.<sup>1</sup> While some are more expansive than others, Michigan sets the standard in its court rule<sup>2</sup> which puts the burden on those who oppose a camera in the court to make a compelling case on the record as to why cameras should not be allowed. Such cases might include protecting the identity of a sexual assault victim.

In Michigan, the Supreme Court not only streams our proceedings in real time on our website and makes them available on a YouTube channel after the fact, we Tweet photos of oral arguments, encourage the public to watch, provide links to case summaries, and even provide definitions to obscure legal terms. The feedback from the public and the legal community is universally positive. Viewership is not substantial—maybe a few hundred for a noncontroversial case to a few thousand for cases of intense public interest – but the impact is substantial because the public is assured the sun is shining on the judicial branch. Even if they decide not to watch, they tell us they are grateful that we allow them to choose.

Sincerely,



Hon. Bridget Mary McCormack  
Chief Justice

cc: Honorable Jerrold Nadler, Chair  
Honorable Doug Collins, Ranking Member

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.rtdna.org/content/cameras\\_in\\_court](https://www.rtdna.org/content/cameras_in_court)

<sup>2</sup> AO No. 1989-1—Film or Electronic Media Coverage of Court Proceedings